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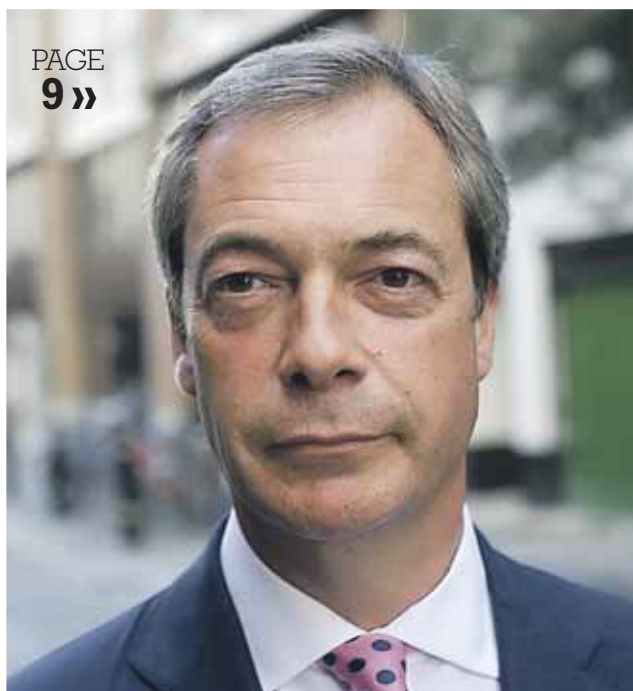
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But our focus now is on the future and ensuring that you get the very best when it comes to news, features, leisure, business, sport and so much more besides.

I really hope you enjoy it.

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High-end kitchen, bedroom and bathroom furniture manufacturer introduces new range of kitchens aimed at the mid-market customer

By Daniel Reynolds

JUST walking into the Ream showroom at Gillingham Business Park you can instantly see why the company has been the preferred choice of luxury kitchens, bedrooms and bathrooms for the past 34 years – the displays are simply stunning!

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- 5) You should be offered a 100% guarantee on all installation work and furniture. No quibbles. I would personally never use a company that isn't prepared to put its money where its mouth is. They should be fully prepared to guarantee the quality of workmanship they promise you, by coming back without charge if anything goes wrong... and fixing it.
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Peter Cross,
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Just what is causing that awful smell across Kent?

By Chris Murphy

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FARMERS are once again being blamed for the unpleasant smell wafting across huge swathes of the county this week.

Local authorities across Kent say they have received complaints about the pong - with some residents saying it is so pungent it is forcing them to stay indoors and close their windows.

The cause of the smell is farmers spreading manure and other organic materials on agricultural land to help fertilise the ground after the recent harvesting.

But the practice gets up the nose of many.

A spokesman for Shepway District Council told KoS: "We get a cluster of complaints around this time of the year - after the harvest when farmers are replenishing the soil and re-planting.

"We have had about a dozen complaints this year.

"If callers know where the smell is coming from and can identify the farm we will visit to make sure they are sticking to the Defra code of practice and getting the manure 'incorporated' into the soil within 48 hours.



MUCK SPREADING: The traditional rural practice of fertilising the soil is the root of the pungent pong

"Most farmers do this - it is in their interest to get the nutrients into their land as quickly as possible."

In Sevenoaks, a council spokesman added: "We have had around a dozen complaints relating to two areas.

"Both had deliveries of agricultural sludge, which was used as a fertiliser and worked into the ground within a few days of delivery so smell

dissipated soon thereafter.

"The Environment Agency regulates this activity, which poses no risk to public health. As we live in a largely rural district, these activities are part of rural life and the rural economy. Providing the farms are working within the rules set down by the Environment Agency, we would not take action."

Ashford said it had also received

some complaints.

The National Farmers Union explained: "It is normal for farmers to fertilise the soil following harvest, to prepare the ground for the sowing of spring crops next year."

There is another smell problem in Tonbridge too, where locals have been left fuming over discharge from a local company. For the full details turn to page 26.

Dispersal zone gets the nod in bid to eradicate town centre problems

AS PART of a major crack down on anti-social behaviour, a dispersal zone is to be deployed across parts of Gravesend.

By introducing the zone, it gives police the power to move on any group of two or more people they believe could be set to cause trouble.

Youngsters under 16 can be returned home.

Failure to comply can lead to a fine of up to £2,500 or three months in prison.

The area covered is in and around the clock tower, to the east of the town. It has recently been dogged by people drinking alcohol and causing a public nuisance.

Running for three months, it will swing into force on October 1, and has been jointly authorised by Kent Police and Gravesham Borough Council.

All roads and public spaces near the clock tower will come under the dispersal area, which includes The Terrace, The Promenade, Harmer Street, Commercial Place, Ordnance

Road, Parrock Street, Wellington Street, Berkley Road and West Crescent Road.

Also included are Milton Place, Milton Road, East Crescent Road, Peacock Street, The Grove, East Terrace, Saddington Street, Edwin Street, Gordon Place and the area of Fort Gardens.

Inspector Chris Carter of Gravesham's Community Safety Unit, said: "We have received a number of calls from members of the public and businesses in this area concerned about anti-social behaviour, noise and litter left by groups that tend to congregate near the clock tower.

"These groups of people can at times be intimidating, especially late at night, and this order - combined with other powers available to us such as alcohol exclusion zones in the town centre - will allow us to deal effectively with this problem."

Gravesham council leader John Burden added: "These areas have proved to be highly effective in the past and we welcome it."

Three on murder charge as OAP's body found in shop

THREE men have been charged with the murder of a pensioner whose body was found in the basement of a shop.

Officers launched a major investigation after the body of Harjit Chaggar, 69, was found in Sani Globe Food in Luton Road, Chatham. She had previously been reported missing and was last seen on the afternoon of Monday, September 2.

Detectives have charged Abdul Hannan, 44 and Murshed Miah, 38, both from Maidstone, and Mohammed Liakat Islam, 28, from Gillingham with murder. All appeared before magistrates on Wednesday and were remanded at Maidstone Crown Court on Friday.

A fourth man, a 27-year-old from Chatham, has been released on bail.

Pensioner falls under train ...then suffers heart attack

AN ELDERLY woman who fell from a railway platform and found herself trapped beneath a classic steam train, is this weekend recovering at home after several days in hospital.

Emergency crews were called to the Kent and East Sussex Railway (KESR) station at Tenterden after the woman, understood to be a member of the Gravesend Active Retired

Association, took a tumble last Saturday.

After falling down the gap between the platform and the stationary train, she then suffered a minor heart attack in the ambulance en route to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford.

Graham Baldwin, from KESR, said: "Her daughter called us to pass on her thanks for the way she was cared for by staff."

Pair arrested as part of 'Syrian terrorism' probe

TWO men arrested in Dover this week are being quizzed as part of a major Metropolitan Police probe into suspected terrorism in war-torn Syria.

The pair, aged 29 and 22 and British of Pakistani origin, were arrested as they arrived from France on Monday. It is understood ammunition was also seized.

Two days later, a man, 37, and a woman, 36, were arrested at an address in Essex.

Police confirmed the investigations are on-going and that searches in east London and Lancashire had also taken part, but that there had been no further arrests.

All four people arrested are being held on suspicion of terrorist activity.

They were being held in custody in London.

A police spokesman said: "As the investigation is on-going we cannot provide more details at this stage."



APPROVED: KCC leader Paul Carter

Experts to be parachuted into health trust, as plans for merger are scrapped

By Marijke Cox

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THE Medway NHS Foundation Trust, left reeling after being put in special measures earlier this year amid concerns over a high mortality rate at Medway Maritime Hospital, is to tie up with one of the best NHS trusts in the country to turn its fortunes around.

The move was announced this week by health secretary Jeremy Hunt who outlined the Government's plans to prevent future failures of care and safety at NHS hospitals.

It follows the scandal over standards at Mid Staffordshire NHS Foundation Trust and the subsequent Keogh Review which looked at 14 NHS trusts with high mortality rates; 11 of which, including Medway, have already been placed in 'special measures'.

Medway's partner has not yet been confirmed.

It comes just days after a planned merger with the Dartford and Grave-



HELP: The trust which oversees the Medway Maritime will get assistance

sham NHS Trust was shelved.

The plan had been to create a single organisation to help combat financial pressures. It was expected to save £30 million for the cash-strapped health service.

Plans were put forward in 2011, but delayed earlier this year following findings in the damning Keogh report into hospital death rates.

The Dartford trust, which runs Darent Valley Hospital, said both trusts had agreed it was "not in the two organisations' current interest to proceed with an integration".

A spokesman said: "There have been significant changes across the NHS over the past few years which have affected both Medway NHS Foundation Trust and Dartford and Gravesham NHS Trust.

"Factors have changed since our original plans for integration were proposed, but what is best for our patients remains at the heart of everything we do.

"It has become clear to both organisations that full integration is not the key priority for the populations which they serve at this time.

"However, the two organisations will continue to work in partnership to deliver better care together where there are tangible benefits for the populations served by both."

KCC gives the nod to major overhaul plan

THE first phase of a major transformation of Kent County Council was given the go-ahead on Thursday.

The shake-up, which will see KCC altered in a bid to save £239 million over the next four years, was discussed at a full council meeting and endorsed by its members.

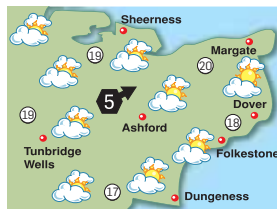
It could signal the start of some services being outsourced, with the scale of the overhaul described by KCC leader Paul Carter as "so fundamental" that the traditional way the council had delivered change to its services in the past would no longer work.

The first phase involves bringing some services together into "functional groups" ahead of a full redesign.

Deputy leader of KCC and finance member John Simmonds explained: "We want to group the services around the individual, rather than them having to deal with, say, three separate directorates for services."

Already, the council has had to save £340m over four years with some 1,600 job losses. This latest £239m comes in addition and needs to be made up to 2017/18.

Turn to page 23 to read an exclusive column by KCC leader Paul Carter, who explains just why the change is essential.



TODAY: Spells of sunshine and variable cloud. Light winds. Max temp 19-22C (66-72F). **TONIGHT:** Dry with fog and low cloud forming. Min temp 9-12C (48-54F).

TODAY'S HIGH TIDE (Metres)

Dover	01.15	6.8	13.29	6.9
Margate	02.24	4.8	14.33	5.0
St Mary's	07.06	5.7	19.24	5.7

WEEK AHEAD

Monday	Max 22C	Min 10C
Tuesday	Max 20C	Min 11C
Wednesday	Max 18C	Min 9C
Thursday	Max 19C	Min 9C
Friday	Max 20C	Min 10C
Saturday	Max 19C	Min 9C

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Cash boost for Old Town heritage area

A £1.3 million grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund has been awarded to help improve buildings in the Old Town area of Folkestone.

It is a success for a partnership of Kent County Council, Shepway District Council and the Creative Foundation, which has been working on detailed proposals for major remedial work to secure the heritage of the area which includes the Old High Street, Tontine Street, Grace Hill, Rendezvous Street and Payers Park.

The grant will be supplemented with an additional £400,000 from KCC and £100,000 from Shepway. The total £1.8m cash pot will be spent over the next five years.

Alan Clifton Holt from Shepway council said: "This is fantastic news for Folkestone. This initiative will be enabled much needed repairs and improvements to traditional buildings, and will encourage a greater understanding of the history and development of Folkestone, and of the role the Old Town has played in it."

Operation to prevent railway suicide bids

BRITISH Transport Police is rolling out a major operation to crack down on the number of trespassers and suicide attempts on the rail network.

Operation Avert will look to prevent the two biggest causes of rail disruption and comes as rail operator Network Rail launches its own trespass awareness campaign called Track Tests.

Detective Chief Superintendent Miles Flood is leading the operation.

He said: "Analysis tells us that at this time of year we will see an increase in time lost through disruption to the network.

"Our aim is to focus on specific locations at vulnerable times with high profile patrols to deter these events, and we will also be undertaking other activity, such as sending our crime reduction officers in to design solutions that will make future trespass and suicide attempts less likely."

Figures show such incidents can rise by nearly 20 per cent at this time of year.

Witness appeal after bike crash on M20

POLICE are appealing for witnesses to a crash on the M20 motorway which saw a motorcyclist left seriously injured.

The incident happened when a black motorcycle collided with the central reservation of the London-bound carriageway, close to junction eight near Maidstone, at around 4.45pm on Monday.

A 65-year-old man from Surrey was flown to Kings College Hospital in London by the air ambulance following the incident. He was, however, discharged the next day.

Officers are keen to trace the driver of what has been described as a grey Audi estate as they might have information that could help with the investigation.

PC Matt Burch said: "I'd urge anyone who saw the motorcycle before the incident or who witnessed the collision to contact police."

Anyone with information should contact PC Burch on 01622 798538.

agenda

What will make next week's headlines...

Firefighters set to join national strike action

FIRE chiefs insist the county has "robust contingency plans" in place as they brace themselves for firefighters to join a national four-hour strike in a row over pension payments.

The strike action will run from noon to 4pm on Wednesday, September 25.

It follows a breakdown of talks

between the Fire Brigades Union (FBU) and the Government earlier this week.

It is not yet clear how many of the county's firefighters will walk out but Ann Millington, chief executive of Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS), insisted a service would continue to be provided.

She explained: "Additional



arrangements are likely to include pooling available staff to crew as many fire engines as possible, which will be located around the county to provide the best cover possible."

Rail disruption planned for travel to the capital

TRAVELLERS planning to catch a train in or out of London next weekend are being warned of disruption due to engineering work.

Next Saturday and Sunday Ramsgate to Charing Cross services will be diverted to run to and from

Victoria, while Charing Cross to Hastings line services will operate to a revised timetable.

On Sunday, Charing Cross services will be diverted to and from Cannon Street.

Travellers can use Southeastern tickets to use connecting tube services.



...also

Fans to flock for Union J

HUNDREDS of fans of boy band Union J are set to descend on shopping centre Bluewater on Thursday when the group appear to sign copies of their new book.

The group, who shot fame on talent show X Factor, will be at the Waterstones store from 5pm.

Asbo court date set

A 37-year-old woman from Tunbridge Wells, who breached conditions of her Asbo within five days of receiving it, will appear in court on Wednesday.

Alethea Edmondson, of Parsonage Road, will also appear before magistrates charged with assaulting a police officer.

Warning over A2 work

MOTORISTS are being advised to be prepared for four weeks of disruption as work takes place along the A2 between its junctions with the M2 and M25.

Work begins on Monday between Rochester and Dartford. It will include work overnight and temporary speed limits.

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NIGEL Farage was, in his own words, an alarmingly normal Kentish boy in his youth – albeit a bolshy, argumentative one. He insists, to this day, he remains the same.

But the boy with the attitude has matured into a political leader at the helm of a party which, from humble beginnings, is, as he says himself, threatening to cause an earthquake in British politics.

Kent, a county prone to the odd seismic shake, has already felt tremors this year with Ukip loosening the Tories' stronghold in what is a typically true blue county.

May's Kent County Council elections saw Ukip emerge with 17 seats, and in doing so, becoming the main opposition party to KCC leader Paul Carter's Conservative administration.

It was a result not even Westerham resident Mr Farage could have envisaged.

"Did I ever think it would happen? I don't know," said the 49-year-old.

"It's amazing. We are changing the face of British politics; we're changing the national debate on so many issues.

"East Kent is astonishing. Folkestone! How the bloody hell did we get Folkestone? We won all three county council seats.

"I knew Thanet would go well and bits of Sittingbourne and Sheppey, not that I had bad feelings about Folkestone, but the scale of it; I was just completely astonished."

Sitting in his party's new offices in central London – a "good location, but expensive to get a drink around here" – he is, perhaps not surprisingly, in a chipper mood.

Optimism, he admits, is how he rolls. And it's served him well thus far.

Born and bred in Kent – his father a stockbroker in the City, who would leave the family when Nigel was just five – the aspiring politician enjoyed his education, being taught at the plush Dulwich College.

At 18, the youngster followed in his father's footsteps as he began a career in the City, but then suffered a health scare when he was diagnosed with an aggressive form of testicular cancer, aged just 21 – an illness from which he made a full recovery.

Married twice, he has four children, the eldest of which are now in their mid-20s.

But it was his political ambition which would see him take a career swerve. And there's no denying Ukip's rise under Mr Farage has been extraordinary.

A former Tory supporter, he turned his back on the party following the signing of the Maastricht Treaty in 1992 – the document which established the European Union.

He became a founding member of the UK Independence Party when it was established the following year, and by 2006 had risen up the ranks to be comfortably elected its leader.

Taking a strong anti-European stance, the party quickly found itself accused of being a little too right wing.

David Cameron famously accused the party of being "fruitcakes, loonies



Farage looks to Europe before the main event

He has survived testicular cancer, a plane crash on polling day and remains as argumentative today as he was as a child, but Nigel Farage's political ambition has propelled Ukip into the limelight and, as **Marijke Cox** discovers, he's ready to dent the big three's general election hopes...

“I don't tend to do personal enmity in politics, but if quite a lot of Kent's politicians were replaced, that wouldn't be such a bad thing”

Nigel Farage,
on Ukip's prospects in 2015

and closet racists" back in 2006.

Mr Farage quipped in response: "I don't mind him calling us loonies – I don't mind him calling us fruitcakes. We are big enough and ugly enough and we have a sense of humour.

"But what you cannot do in the 21st century is to lob about accusations of racism. We are a non-racist, non-sectarian party and we always have been, and frankly we're a damn sight more cosmopolitan than Mr Cameron's Conservative Party."

It was perhaps the first sign of the Tories – a party where inner turmoil over Europe has caused deep, damaging divisions in recent years – feeling the prick of the thorn that Ukip would become in its side.

Yet while Ukip has done much to shake off the reputation, it still hangs in the air.

Recent comments made by Ukip MEP Godfrey Bloom stating British aid should not be sent to "bongo bongo" land, does little to banish the theory from voters' minds.

And even this week, Mr Farage found himself at the centre of fresh controversy after Channel 4 claimed teachers at Dulwich College opposed him being a prefect due to his "racist" and "fascist" views.

It meant he spent the first morning of Ukip's conference on Friday denying he held any racist views now or during his childhood.

The reality, of course, is that those joining the party are increasingly leaping from the more centre-right territory of the Conservatives than anything further to the right.

Roger Latchford, leader of the Ukip party at County Hall, is a former Tory, as is his colleague Zita Wiltshire – and the list doesn't end there.

Mr Farage's focus now, though, are next May's European elections.

"If I'm a Conservative voter in Kent traditionally and I've got a European election ahead of me, then why not – why not, be a devil, and vote for what I really believe in?" the leader says.

"It's a massive opportunity to cause an earthquake in British politics. To say to Cameron, and indeed for that matter Clegg and Miliband, that we're hacked off with the fact you've ignored us for decades."

While veering from the European election focus irritates Mr Farage, much has been made on his efforts for another assault on Westminster.

He has hinted at potentially standing in Kent in the 2015 General Election, but has since refused to be drawn into the conversation.

And he remains steadfast in his desire to avoid the discussion.

"We [Ukip] have obviously moved

on from Europe, establishing a toe-hold in local politics.

"When 2015 comes then, of course, the party will be looking to win seats in Kent.

"I don't tend to do personal enmity in politics, but I do think if quite a lot of Kent's politicians were replaced that wouldn't be a bad thing.

"But everybody talks about two year's time.

"Listen, on May 22 next year we've got a national election; it's called the European election and every adult in Kent has got a chance to vote.

"My thoughts are far more focused on what is happening then. We've got both the Europe vote and there are bits of Kent that have some local elections happening as well and we intend to contest those."

Since 1999, Mr Farage has served, perhaps surprisingly, as member of the European parliament; first becoming an MEP in 1999, and holding the seat for south east England in both 2004 and 2009.

As a eurosceptic, it might seem strange to be so entrenched in Europe.

"You can say the same with the Scottish National Party – they have MPs at Westminster," he explains. "The Irish Nationalists in the 19th century had MPs at Westminster, the Catalans have MPs in Madrid.

"Obviously it strikes people that there is a certain sense of irony, but for me it's been gold dust.

"We can speak on what happens over there with first-hand knowledge and people love that.

"The anecdotal side of it they absolutely love.

"More people know about Europe today, they know more about what it costs, about how impotent the British Government is, the lack of control over borders, the inability to give Kent's fishing industry half a chance; all of those things.

"I think the logical conclusion the majority of people are reaching, is that Ukip is right about this.

"I think the way we view our governments is with increasing scepticism and often disdain and the general feeling is that they're all signed up to what the status quo is and they don't have the courage to change that. Whereas Ukip is making the tough choices.

"I think if Ukip wasn't there we wouldn't be having this debate; a referendum wouldn't even be on the agenda. I think part of the answer is it's Ukip.

"In a sense, the European question is so all encompassing now and people recognise that it doesn't matter who is in Number 10; these things are decided somewhere else and that realisation, as Europe itself has grown and taken on more power, has impacted on people's lives."

The political view on Europe is, of course, one of the most divisive, and Mr Farage is no doubt well aware the debate ensures a crowbar is forced into the heart of the Conservative Party, forcing it to haemorrhage members and stir up conflict.

Mr Farage adds: "It's unnatural to expect countries to be forced together inside one political union.

"I think we're ready to say we want to have a trade deal, we want to have a good relationship, we want to be friendly with Europe, we want to be

HERE'S LOOKING AT YOU: As well as being leader of Ukip, Mr Farage has been an MEP since 1999 and has hinted he wants another crack at becoming an MP.
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able to go to Boulogne and have lunch – we love all that, but we want to govern ourselves.

"I think Kent is a pretty Eurosceptic county."

The focus on Europe, however, has led to the argument that Ukip is ultimately a one policy party and unlikely to offer much else.

Mr Farage, whether aware of this or simply done with talking Europe,

“I think they are hideous, really ugly, expensive and I find it extremely difficult to take seriously the many Kent politicians who have supported this”

Nigel Farage, on wind farms as a source for renewable energy

comes to life when the conversation turns to the battle between renewables and fossil fuels.

"I don't believe in a lot of Kent MPs and their policies or what they stand for on these appalling wind turbines," he said.

"God help us. What's been put on Romney Marsh [giant wind turbines] is disgusting, and I don't think what's happened off the Thanet coast is any better.

"I think they're hideous, really ugly, expensive and I find it extremely difficult to take the Kent politicians seriously who have supported this.

"Renewables don't work. If you can show me a renewable energy that works, I'll back it. Wind energy is a catastrophe; it's not reliable. We have to back it up and we use huge taxpayer subsidy to fund it.

"And effectively we've got the poor paying increased electricity bills; our manufacturing industry is leaving our shores because of the cost of energy and money is being given to landowners who are rich already.

"The whole thing is appalling. That

is a Kent issue I feel incredibly strongly about, I really do."

So what's the alternative?

Kent is already the focus of what opponents are saying will be a "fracking frenzy" with licences for exploratory drilling in the west of the county, by Cowden, near Tunbridge Wells, and at Woodnesborough, near Dover.

Three further planning applications have been submitted to carry out exploratory drilling for methane at sites in east Kent.

"When there's a gift horse," says Mr Farage, "don't look it in the mouth.. This is a fantastic opportunity.

"There is great nervousness over fracking as there is over all modernisation.

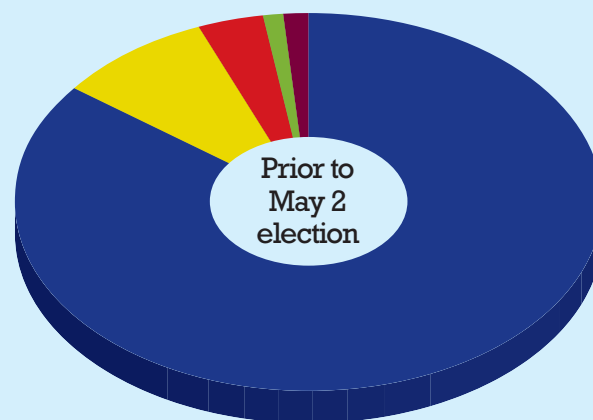
"Many modern things are very ugly; Dungeness A and B are very ugly, but very effective.

"The M20 is bloody ugly, but it kind of works, but I would say that the

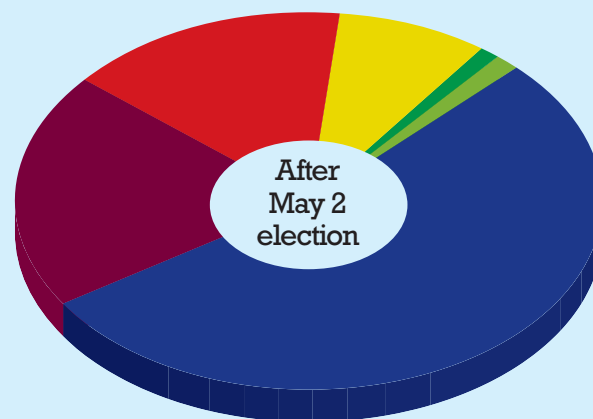




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IS FARAGE HEADING TO WESTMINSTER?

NIGEL Farage is no stranger to the Westminster ballot box.

In 2006, he stood in the by-election for Bromley and Chislehurst, coming third with an eight per cent share of the vote, but beating the Labour candidate.

In 2010, after resigning as Ukip leader to concentrate of the election, he went against House of Commons speaker John Bercow in Buckingham. He came third, but managed to steal all the headlines on polling day when a plane he was travelling in crashed. A bloodied and battered Mr Farage was picture clambering out of the wreckage with a punctured lung and several broken ribs.

The big question now is

whether he will stand again in 2015?

He's hinted at Kent being a fertile ground – and it would make sense to target those areas where Ukip did well in the local elections – namely Swale, Thanet and Shepway.

If he is successful, however, it would force him to stand down as an MEP as current rules do not allow MPs to serve as an MEP at the same time.

Speaking on Friday, Mr Farage said if Ukip performed well at the upcoming European elections, the party would look to field a candidate in every constituency come the 2015 General Election; a move which will make many MPs a trifle anxious.



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blight, the visual blight, of a couple of fracking plants, all of which in total will be smaller than half the size of a football pitch, compared to so-called renewables in the form of wind, is nothing.

“The risks have been massively overplayed by an almost hysterical lobby who want to stop all progress and in their own minds thought fossil fuels had run out.

“Now there are some fracking possibilities in Kent it will provide an awful lot of jobs, and as America has shown, the risks are almost negligible and let's face it, east Kent has got a history of extractive industry.

“If we do find there is shale gas in Kent, in serious quantities, not only will it provide wealth and jobs, but cheap energy.

“Energy is big politics of the future and Kent is at the epicentre of it.

“We've got the lot: onshore, off-shore, two nuclear power stations, one decommissioned, one not being renewed and Kingsnorth.”

His views on fracking are unlikely to win him any support from campaign groups in Kent, but his opinions are somewhat similar to those of many of Kent's MPs.

It only goes to highlight some of the similarities with the Tories which is likely to work to the benefit of Ukip.

Like Conservative MPs in our coastal towns, Mr Farage is also passionate about Kent's fishing industry and concerned over the decrease in boats along our coastline.

He explains: “Nobody, but nobody, who understands the fishing industry in Kent will tell you that wasn't directly because we joined the common market four years ago.

“I've got people on Dungeness beach, who I know, whose families have been there 300 years and they might be gone by Christmas because

“ The risks of fracking have been massively overplayed by an almost hysterical lobby who want to stop all progress and thought all fossil fuels had run out ”

Nigel Farage,
on the opportunities of shale gas

they can't earn a living.”

While gaining a significant foothold in County Hall is one thing, Ukip can only hope to hold serious sway by making in-roads at Westminster.

Perhaps the biggest problem it faces is that of Mr Farage himself.

Like few other figures, he embodies his party more than any other.

When he stepped down in 2009, to allow him to fight the Buckingham General Election seat, the party dipped out of the limelight. He was swiftly voted back in the following year and has since become a charismatic leader much in the same vein as Boris Johnson in London.

The question is, can the party be quite so reliant on its leader?

“I think I've been an important part of it [Ukip's rise], but it's not just me,” he said.

“We're heading in the right direction, without a doubt.”

“I'm not Doris Stokes [a famous psychic] – I think our politics is in the biggest state of flux it's been in for at least 100 years, but the answer is, I don't know where this is going to go.

“I just travel optimistically, believing in what I believe in.”

Whether the British public continue to believe him and what his party stand for, will be determined at the ballot box.

But can Ukip prove stronger than just the main man?

LIKE Boris Johnson, the Ukip leader is aware that the British public can warm to the jovial upper-class chap – and he's become a regular on TV.

A popular panelist on the likes of Have I Got News For You and a regular on Question Time, his charismatic behaviour has won him grudging respect even from his political opponents.

Speaking at the party's conference in central London on Friday, Mr Farage said he expects the party to have more members than the Liberal Democrats by the time of the 2015 General Election – a remarkable achievement.

However, while his performances win him awareness and appeal, and present Ukip as a polished party, the cracks, it would seem are not far from the surface.

Earlier this summer, Ukip's chief executive, Will Gilpin quit the role after just eight months in post.

Drafted in to turn Ukip into a slick professional operation, he left saying the party's reluctance to change would leave them nothing more than

“a bunch of enthusiastic amateurs”.

He pointed the finger of blame in Mr Farage's direction.

He told the Daily Telegraph: “The thing I am most shocked by is that Nigel does his own thing without the party knowing where he is or what he is doing.

“Nigel would see the party as being about him. The party is structured like a flying wedge, pushing Nigel forward. He has to have less power. There is no way around it.

“The party has decided it likes things the way they are – so Ukip remains a bunch of enthusiastic amateurs having a good time, rather than the professional fighting team they could be.”

And earlier this week, former deputy leader Mike Nattrass, a West Midlands MEP, accused Mr Farage of surrounding himself with “cronies” and a “totalitarian” leadership.

Mr Farage, in response to the various criticisms, has vowed to spend more time getting Ukip's ship in order.



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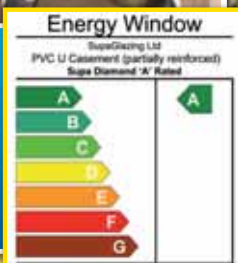
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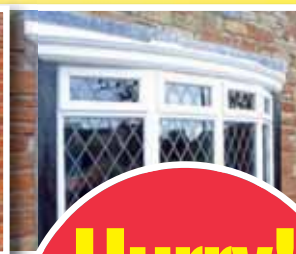
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What lessons have been learned since Paris Brown?

Despite the fiasco earlier this year, Ann Barnes is determined to recruit a youth commissioner.

Marijke Cox looks at the political minefield that surrounds the controversial election promise

ALITTLE over six months ago, amid much fanfare, Kent's Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes unveiled the nation's very first 'youth commissioner'.

A paid, one-year role, it was designed to bridge the gap between the perceived stuffy bureaucracy of public office and a disillusioned youth; a section of society which finds itself both labelled as trouble-makers and on the receiving end of a disproportionately high amount of crime.

As a concept it had clear potential.

Paris Brown, the 17-year-old from Sheerness who was selected, sounded like she would be ideal. Far from the expected stereotypical recruit, an upper class, well-spoken 19-year-old from Sevenoaks, which would have no doubt proved an easier, and safer, option – she had the potential to speak for a generation often overlooked.

For those first few glorious days, Mrs Barnes and Miss Brown were inseparable as they toured the newsrooms and TV studios of the national media proclaiming a bright, progressive future. But the honeymoon period would last less than a week.

Because someone, somewhere, had found Paris Brown's Twitter page.

And, like every other teenager who dabbles in the very public world of social media, she had posted some rather misguided comments.

Unfortunately for both her and Mrs Barnes, it would only come to light in the final moments of an interview with a journalist from the Mail on Sunday.

As they exposed the comments, alluding to the full range of stereotypical youthful misjudgements – underage drinking, sex, homophobia and racism – Paris Brown never stood a chance of redemption.

Like a pitbull with a ragdoll, the Mail spearheaded a relentless attack on both Mrs Barnes and Miss Brown. Within 24-hours it was swiftly becoming obvious the youngster's position was becoming untenable.

Mrs Barnes' critics from all political parties – still smarting from the independent candidate's comprehensive victory in the polls the previous year – saw their opportunity for revenge and joined in the chorus of criticisms.

Just for a brief moment it seemed the whole calamity could even bring Mrs Barnes down.

Midway through the following week a brave, yet tearful, Miss Brown stood before the cameras and announced she was not going to accept the position.

Mrs Barnes, the focus of many guilty fingers pointing in her direction for exposing such a youngster to a fierce and vicious spotlight, shouldered the blame.

But not before pointing to flaws in Kent Police's recruitment process which meant no one had checked Miss Brown's online social media presence – something all observers had assumed was obvious.

The fall-out continued for weeks, Paris Brown slid out of public view and has not been heard of since, and the honeymoon period for Mrs Barnes was well and truly over.

But the dream of the youth commissioner role didn't disappear.

And now it's coming back.

Following the debacle in the spring, Mrs Barnes called for an independent review into the matter, a report on which is expected to be published next month.

After the report has been considered, the recruitment process for the youth commissioner post will formally open once again.

For Mrs Barnes the role is seen as an essential part of her election manifesto and one she is determined to deliver.

But, given how the role was torpedoed before, would it not be easier to chalk it down to experience and simply come up with a different method to connect with the young people of the county?

"Many of my critics deride my idea for a youth

“ I have lost count of the hundreds of young people I have seen who have fallen into a life of crime. I believe many of my critics would change their view if they had witnessed this as I have ”

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FAIL: Ann Barnes' first youth commissioner, Paris Brown, quit a week after her appointment was announced amid a media furore over controversial postings on the teenager's Twitter account

commissioner as a PR stunt," former teacher Mrs Barnes told KoS this week.

"I want to take that head on. It is not.

"I have more than 25 years' service as a magistrate, as well as being involved in local policing for over 12 years. I have lost count of the hundreds of young people I have seen who have fallen into a life of crime.

"Every one of those instances is a tragedy for the young person, for the victims of the crimes they commit and for society that has to foot the bill for their time in the criminal justice system. I believe many of my critics would change their view if they had witnessed this as I have done.

"Once a young person falls into the criminal justice system, it is very hard to get them back on the right track."

And this, according to Mrs Barnes, is where the youth commissioner comes in.

"They will lead a whole range of initiatives

aimed at stopping young people becoming involved in crime in the first place," she explained. "They will work with schools, councils, charities and other partners. They will be an identifiable face and point of contact for this vital work, someone who young people can relate to."

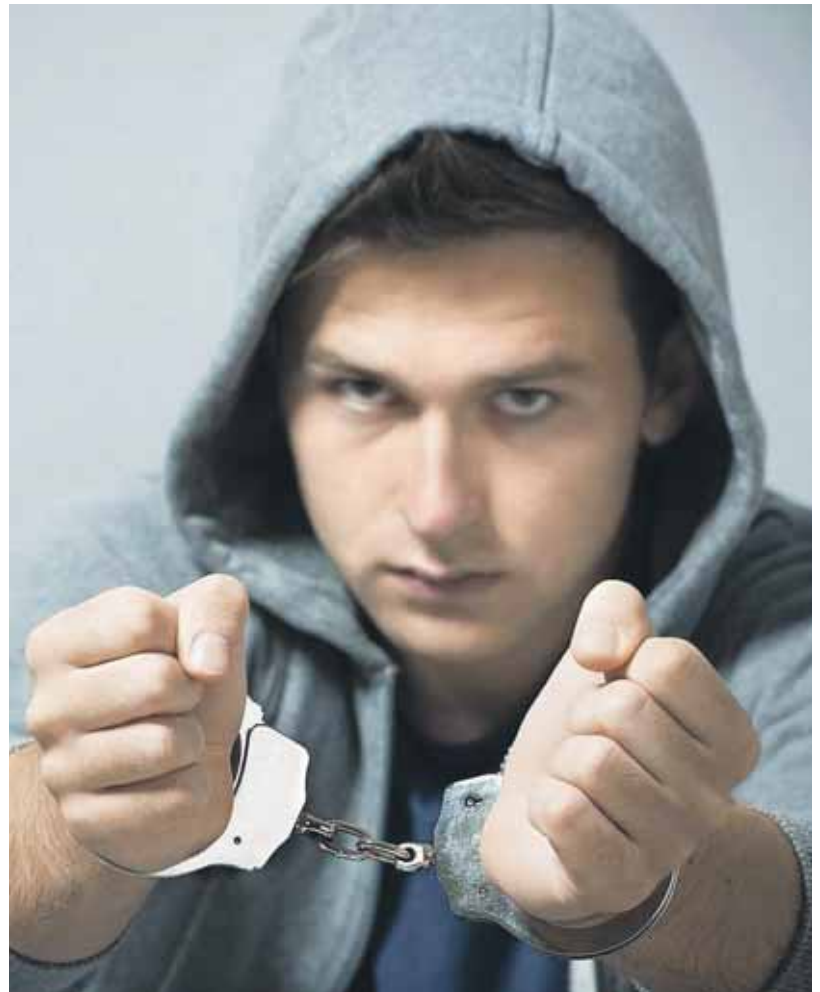
The successful applicant will be paid £15,000 for the year, with the cash coming partly out of the PCC's £85,000 salary. After 12 months, the application process will start again and a new youngster will be taken on.

"As regards to cost, let's remember the cost of managing just one young person who falls into crime runs into tens of thousands of pounds," Mrs Barnes added.

"The youth commissioner idea is one of the things I am doing to prevent youth crime."

But while she stands resolute, others believe

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she is, if not naïve, then too focused on salvaging her own reputation.

Folkestone and Hythe Conservative MP, Damian Collins, was vocal in his opposition at the time of the Paris Brown debacle.

Speaking to KoS this week he said Mrs Barnes should drop the youth commissioner idea: "It was a mistake last time and I don't think she should do it again.

"To put a young person on the public payroll, to put them under enormous pressure and to be treated like any other public servant, who will come under scrutiny, it's not fair on a 17-year-old.

"If the PCC wants to have a voice for young people, that's fine. There are lots of groups and organisations in Kent who could help – she could start by going to the Kent Youth County Council.

"I don't see how one person can represent all young people in Kent."

Mr Collins said if Mrs Barnes is worried about her own reputation, then she should just admit she was wrong and move on.

"Whoever she picks, the whole media world will pour over the life of that person," he said.

"They will be looking for the slightest thing. That person will be put under enormous pressure."

But Mrs Barnes remains determined.

"This idea was part of my election manifesto," she said.

"During my campaign many, many people expressed strong support for it. I promised to do it. I do not break promises."



Mr Collins, however, suspects the Paris Brown saga is likely to have put other young people off from applying. Although anecdotal evidence would suggest Mrs Barnes will not be short of those seeking to secure a high-profile job in an environment where employment for young people is at something of a premium.

Adds the Folkestone MP: "I'm hoping it doesn't put them off wanting to engage in public matters."

He stressed, however, that if she was continuing to go ahead with it, she should try and amend errors made last time.

Earlier this year, the Home Affairs

Select Committee released a report slamming the "maverick decision-making" of some PCCs.

Rochester and Strood MP Mark Reckless, who sits on the committee, called for better scrutiny of the commissioners by the police and crime panels set up to do just that.

Mr Reckless has been a regular sniper of Mrs Barnes. He accused the panel in Kent of acting more as a "cheerleader" to the youth commissioner plan.

"It was something they thought the PCC should push forward with," he said at the time.

"The panel seemed to act as a supporter of the PCC, rather than something it needed to scrutinise."

Mr Reckless, who was instrumental in the development of the policy for PCCs, was critical of Mrs Barnes' decision to appoint a youth tsar.

But while some politicians remain opposed to the idea, and others are convinced that young people with a penchant for causing trouble simply do not want to engage with the police regardless of who is passing on the message, the concept is supported by youth organisations.

Marc Kidson, chair of the British Youth Council, said it welcomed the idea of PCCs actively seeking to include the views of young people in the "public dialogue" about crime, policing and safety.

He stressed that young people are

disproportionately victims of crime, but often find it hard to get their voices heard.

He explained: "A youth PCC can act as a focal point for young people's views, with dedicated time and resources to consult with their peers and to tap into the creativity of young people on crime prevention.

"We hope, this time around, the recruitment process and outcome for Kent's youth commissioner will result in an initiative that benefits everyone and shows what effective youth participation can achieve."

He added: "Youth PCCs have the potential to build on established projects that are in place for representing the views of young people to decision-makers – both the elected representatives of young people such as Kent Youth Council, which engaged 18,000 young voters in 2012, and local face to face surgeries, social media and e-surveys."

But can one person really be the voice of a diverse generation of young people in Kent?

Whoever takes on the role is sure to be aware not only of the huge challenge they face but of the public scrutiny they will be under.

It's for Mrs Barnes, who is single-handedly responsible for a policing budget of £310 million, with £1.5m to run her office, to ensure there is no repeat of the previous fiasco.

■ **What do you think of the youth commissioner role? Should Ann Barnes push ahead with it? Do you believe the younger generation will engage with the successful candidate? Share your views by writing to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.**

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Journées of Inspiration

ALL TOGETHER NOW: The Whitstable parkrun has recently celebrated its 150th run, with young and old taking part
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The healthy trend that has become a runaway success

Chris Britcher pulls on his trainers and joins the hundreds of runners who have become hooked on parkrun; fast becoming a global phenomenon

IT'S 8.50am on a cool, dank, autumnal Saturday on a quiet seafront... and something is afoot.

Look towards the horizon and the swirling waters of the North Sea converge with those of the Thames Estuary; a dense mist perched upon the grey waves, lapping against the shore.

On land, the wind seems to scoop up the relentless drizzle to gently pepper the faces collecting on the green slopes which slide towards the shingle beach below.

There are flashes of fluorescent pinks, yellows and oranges. And they keep coming – some walking, others trotting.

Within minutes, where once there were just a few brave dog walkers with heads bowed, more than 150 hardy souls are ready to battle both the elements and themselves in a 5km run which offers no reward or medal.

Yet despite the weather, and the seductive attractions of a warm duvet at home, the mood is purely convivi-

al. Old friends catch up and new ones are introduced.

What's more, the people are of all shapes and sizes – from children to pensioners, people with dogs, some with pushchairs, all ready to clear the cobwebs in an event where the sense of celebration is generated purely by taking part, not the time you achieve.

It is an addictive and potent blend of friendliness and encouragement.

And, perhaps best of all, it's completely free.

Because this is parkrun – a phenomenon growing so fast it can perhaps be forgiven for flouting grammar's rules and scrapping capital letters in its all lower-case name.

And if it's not already in a town near you, the chances are it will be very soon.

The concept is simple: a 5km timed run taking place each Saturday at 9am, designed to start yet not intrude on your weekend and manned entirely by volunteers.

After an event on the London borders in Bromley, this seaside run at

Whitstable – two laps of a circuit which takes in both the promenade past the picturesque beach huts and up and along the green splendour of Tankerton Slopes – launched in 2010.

Last weekend saw it stage its 150th run. The week before, when the weather was a little kinder, saw more than 180 runners turn out – its biggest line-up so far.

In April of this year, races were launched in Gravesend, Maidstone and Margate. A month later, Pegwell Bay in Sandwich joined in. Gillingham's run begins next weekend and Tonbridge and Ashford are due to start in October; with Canterbury set to join the crowd in 2014.

Nationwide, there are 213 each week; a number which increases week-on-week. The phenomenon has even spilled out abroad, with Australia, the US, South Africa, Poland and Denmark following the UK's lead.

The number of people who have taken part, in total, is now nearing the half million mark.

Not bad for an event born in 2004,

when its founder, Paul Sinton-Hewitt, first invited 13 of his pals to join him for a run around Bushy Park, in Teddington, Richmond.

Less than 10 years later, that same event regularly attracts more than 1,000 runners each weekend.

"This time last year," explains parkrun's managing director for the UK Tom Williams, "we had around 120-130 events. By the end of 2012 we had 158; already this year we've started more than 50 more."

And there's no sign of the trend slowing either. Especially when at the very core of its ethos is a powerful all-inclusive approach. It's not a 'race', but a run and the winner is better known as the 'first finisher'.

Mr Williams, who organised the first parkrun outside of London, explains: "Parkrun has always been for everyone; this ideal that it was whatever you wanted it to be. It might be for non-runners who just want to

volunteer and be part of the community, or it may be for complete beginners or those who want to just walk it. "Or it could be for the elite – anything from an Olympic athlete to a complete non-runner."

Among the top level athletes who have taken part in events around the country are the likes of Mo Farah and triathlon stars Alistair and Jonny Brownlee. The majority, though, are those just seeking a challenge among a community gathering.

Mr Williams adds: "Most of what parkrun is about is social cohesion – the run is almost secondary to bringing communities together and doing something positive on a weekly basis.

"The fact we're a not-for-profit social enterprise means it does breed massive loyalty and we need that. This year we'll need 30,000 volunteers. Without that loyalty these races wouldn't be taking part."

Jacky MacDonald is parkrun ambassador for Kent – one of the many volunteers. After making a five-hour round trip to take part in the Bromley event back in 2009, she was so impressed she set about establishing a run in her Whitstable home town.

"The distance of 5km is just perfect for this kind of event," she explains. "It is ideal for somebody just starting out in running. Equally, the distance is long enough to encourage more serious runners as part of their regular training.

"Most parkruns are two laps over the 5km course, thereby allowing beginners and youngsters to complete one lap in the beginning until they get more confident on two laps."

Chris Thomson only recently started attending the races, but is already hooked.

He explained: "My assumption was that any organised race would see me, as a beginner, left far behind, but parkrun isn't like that.

"As I plod along volunteers clap and shout encouragement. My whole family have got involved and it's a great way to start the weekend in a really healthy way. Plus the desire to better your time each week becomes rather addictive.

"The fact it's free is remarkable."

Its success is very much rooted in its simplicity and accessibility. To enter you simply go online, register, print out a barcode and turn up in time for a 9am start.

You run as quickly, or slowly, as your legs will carry you and at the end your barcode is scanned and your race position and time entered.

Later that day a text message and email is sent to you with your official timing and position. What's more, each event has a dedicated website

“ The distance of 5km is just perfect. It is ideal for somebody just starting out running or to encourage serious runners as part of their regular training ”

Jacky MacDonald,
Kent parkrun ambassador



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Chris Thomson,
Whitstable parkrun participant



which includes the full results and event photographs.

In these austere times, such a cash-free offering is difficult to argue with. Explains Tom Williams: “Running is a particularly good sport right now – you only need a pair of trainers, and it's one of the most accessible, cheapest sports you can get involved in.”

To set up a parkrun event costs £6,000 – a one-off fee half met by the event's sponsors, which include the likes of adidas, Lucozade and Sweatshop. The other half the community has to find itself.

Lucy Tomlinson is Kent running activator for Run England – a project set up by England Athletics designed to encourage recreational running. It is supported by Kent County Council and its Kent Sport arm.

It runs sociable running groups – perhaps where the target is simply to achieve a 5km run.

She explains: “Parkrun is complementary to what we do and we have been actively involved in assisting its growth in Kent. It ticks a lot of boxes.”

“The £3,000 cost, which is a bit like acquiring the franchise, is often met by the local authority. For example, Kent County Council contributed towards the event in Shorne Woods, Gravesend, as it is on its land and Medway Council is helping out with the upcoming Gillingham event.”

“It may sound a lot, but once that cost has been paid, that's it, there's nothing more to come up with.”

Donna Carr is event director for the Maidstone race, which winds its way from Sandling to Whatman Park. It started earlier this year.

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She explains: "It ticks so many boxes and fulfills so many government targets in terms of getting people to volunteer, take up exercise, to run and of course it's free."

"The council has been extremely helpful and supportive to us."

Howard Doe is the community services portfolio holder at Medway Council. He said: "This event offers many opportunities for people to play, compete and speculate – the three core strands of our sporting legacy programme."

"The huge success of the annual Medway Mile has shown that there is an appetite locally for recreational running. The new Medway parkrun will build on this and promises to be a wonderful addition to the sporting calendar."

Maidstone's Donna Carr adds: "Local running clubs weren't very helpful at first, as I think they saw us as competition, but now many come along and take part. They are a lot friendlier, plus they see those bitten by the running bug progressing from parkrun to joining local clubs."

Adds Jacky MacDonald: "Normally there is no shortage of volunteers once a parkrun is established, and local running clubs or family members of runners are more than willing to help. Parkrun policy now is not to advertise new events but let word of mouth



bring people to them. So far they are doing very well."

Perhaps ironically, the success of parkrun puts a huge strain on the support network which underpins the entire operation.

The IT system in place now has to handle an average of 45,000 results each weekend, pinging out text messages, emails and updating hundreds of websites, as well as being active on social media. It presents an ongoing

ORGANISERS are seeking an event director to head up the new Tonbridge parkrun.

The route will run from the rugby club, through Haysden Country Park and around Barden Lake.

Volunteers are already in place.

Anyone interested would need to spare three hours each Saturday morning and no more than another three during the week.

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issue given its relentless growth.

"Whatever works today," says Tom Williams "will probably not be sufficient in a month, and certainly not six months."

"The challenges of the unbelievable growth of our community is the biggest challenge we face."

"There is no slowdown and our toughest test is to build systems which are future proof."

"In the US, there are only three events at the moment, but the scope is remarkable – if it really caught on it could have 1,000 events – that's 150,000 runners straight away."

All of which will put an enormous strain on the free model.

"We believe it is sustainable," says

Mr Williams, "I cannot see a future where we would ever charge for parkrun – that's not what we do, that's not how it works."

"Even if you paid 50p for a run it would change the ethos completely. We try as hard as we can to break down barriers to participation for physical exercise, and cost is the biggest one. Parkrun will always be free. We're nine years old next month and we've got this far, so we're pretty confident."

■ To find out more about parkrun and events near you, visit www.parkrun.org.uk. There are clear details on how to register to run or simply to volunteer to help out. For more on getting into running see www.kentsport.org/running.

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Benefiting from a change of ideas

Leader of Kent County Council, **Paul Carter**, welcomes your new-look KoS and reveals how County Hall is making changes itself in implementing ways money can be saved and public services improved...



AS Kent on Sunday takes on a new look, so does Kent County Council. Major changes are now well under way which we hope will both improve our services to you, the resident, and deliver the highly challenging savings the Government has asked of us.

In this age of austerity, local councils have been at the forefront of the fight to cut the national deficit.

We have already seen our budgets reduced by more than a third; we have taken the cuts and we have delivered the savings.

We've also taken on big new services such as public health but, by working in different ways, have delivered this with the minimum of fuss – and are making a success of the new roles we have been given.

The next two years now move us into new territory as we look to save a further £300 million. But we don't have to pare services down to the absolute minimum if we can deliver new and different ways of working.

These are difficult times, but they also offer an exciting opportunity for councils to function in completely new ways.

KCC intends to grasp this opportunity to re-model the council to ensure those services we offer to you continue to be the very best.

Our relentless focus on the '5Ps' of personalisation, prevention, procurement, productivity and partnership has delivered major savings already.

But we now have to accelerate this, putting every service to the "make, buy, sell" test: Do we continue to produce in-house? Should we buy it in? What can we sell to others?

We need to be clear what we're good at, and do more of it, while

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identifying what we are not so good at and quickly stop it so others can do so.

We also need real integration of services on the 'front line'. Take the high-profile example of children's centres; these should be part of an integrated service for young families locally, providing focused and coordinated team support to many of our most vulnerable residents.

We must work with GPs in their new Clinical Commissioning Groups to streamline and integrate health and social care services, pooling our budgets, making assessments of need together and commissioning support around individual patients' needs with single point access to services, whoever they are delivered by.

And we must also continue to lead investment in new preventative and community care, encouraging peo-

ple to take more responsibility for their own health while intervening earlier to avoid escalation of health problems into high cost hospital admissions.

In these difficult economic times, the support of new business and jobs will also be vital.

Working with Kent's districts and the new business-led Local Enterprise Partnership, we must look to deliver balanced growth across the county.

With £60m of the Government's Regional Growth Funding now won for Kent, we're offering interest-free business loans to support local companies, delivering much-needed private sector jobs by lending where – so far – the banks won't.

These are just a few examples of how we're changing for the better and how we're helping Kent's residents and businesses in new ways.

While they must all be measured against our ability to balance the books in time – which isn't going to be easy – as with the changes to Kent on Sunday, I am convinced this will be a change for the better.

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Greg Miles meets the small orchestra with a big following **the arts** page 37 »

Conservation project pays off as 'extinct' bees start breeding

By Joe Bill

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THE last time short-haired bumblebees inhabited the UK, Margaret Thatcher was prime minister.

Declared extinct on these shores in the 1980s, its loss was felt hard amid increasing concerns over a decline in our bee population.

Seen as the world's most important pollinator of food crops – and partly responsible for an estimated third of all the food we consume – the ramifications of a drop in the number of bees could be significant.

All of which fuelled the mission to return to these shores a once common species of the insect.

In the spring of 2012 and 2013, two batches of short-haired queen bees were flown in from Sweden and released at the RSPB reserve in Dungeness. And now experts have discovered their off-spring worker bees.

Dr Nikki Gammans, who leads the project, said: "This is a milestone for the project and a victory for conservation. We now have proof this bumblebee has nested and hatched young and we hope it is on the way to becoming a self-supporting wild species in the UK once again."

"It's been a long journey; from creating the right habitat for them, col-



BUZZING: The short-haired bumblebee is once again breeding in the county

lecting queens in the Swedish countryside, and scanning them for diseases. Seeing worker bees for the first time is a fantastic reward for all that hard work, but we still have a way to go to ensure this population is safe and viable."

The project is backed by Natural England, the RSPB, the Bumblebee Conser-

vation Trust and bee, wasp and ant conservation group Hymettus.

It was started four years ago when local farmers began planting wildflowers at the reserve to create the ideal habitat for the bees.

Further releases are planned as the population continues to build up.

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How a rare butterfly could put a major housing scheme in doubt

A butterfly flaps its wings and plans to build homes are put in danger of collapse. **Marijke Cox** finds out more

COUNCIL chiefs could find themselves in a flap after a rare butterfly has set up home on a site earmarked for a major housing development.

Until recently, the stunning Grayling butterfly was known to occupy just one site in the county – along the Folkestone Warren, designated as a Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) due to its biological importance and rare wildlife. But a population of the butterfly has now emerged on a site in Sutton Road, Maidstone, currently earmarked for the development of 100 homes, access road and parking. Planning permission has been submitted and a consultation is under way.

Maidstone Borough Council, however, told KoS discussions have taken place with regards to the discovery of the Grayling, which usually restricts itself to coastal areas.

"We have consulted Natural England and Kent County Council's ecology team and asked for advice about the report of a Grayling butterfly," said a spokesman.

The outcome of whether this species could hinder plans for development is yet to be confirmed, but calls have been made for the land to be designated the same status as Folkestone Warren. Whether the species alone will be enough for this remains to be seen.

Lib Dem campaigners in Maidstone, however, argue they have long called for an invertebrate survey on this site due to its reputation as a haunt for uncommon insects.

South ward member Derek Mortimer said: "It is vital Maidstone follows government guidance and delivers sustainable development by introducing policies that prioritise regeneration of developed sites over the stripping of lucrative, but wildlife rich, greenfields."

The consultation into the development ends on October 11.

This is not the first case where the discovery of wildlife has seen housing plans grind to a halt.

In Medway, council chiefs were dealt a bitter blow this year after a government planning inspector threw out plans to redevelop a former military site following the discovery of 70 nightingales.

The ambitious proposal to develop the land at Lodge Hill had been the focus of two decades of work and formed a key part of Medway Council's core strategy. Some £35 million had been invested.

Medway Council and partners had been working on proposals to build 5,000 homes and associated facilities on the Ministry of Defence-owned land in Chattenden, located north of Rochester in Hoo.

But the RSPB opposed the scheme and government body Natural England declared the area an SSSI due to the nightingales and a special type of grass, called MG5.

Leader of Medway Council, Rodney Chambers, called it "unthinkable" at the time, adding: "This won't just cost money – it will cost local people 5,000 much needed new homes, and 5,000 jobs."



IN A FLUTTER: The Grayling butterfly has set up home on land along Sutton Road in Maidstone

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City embarks on new route to finally solve traffic problems

The contentious decision of closing Canterbury's Westgate Towers to ease road pollution divided a community. Six months on and there are fresh hopes a new solution can be found. **Joe Bill** reports

IT'S the saga which shows no sign of slowing as the latest twist in the long and winding road to finding a solution to one of Canterbury's traffic hot spots enters a new phase.

The Grade I-listed Westgate Towers – described as one of the finest medieval fortified gatehouses in the country, and the last remaining city gate in England – has become as synonymous in recent years with the flow of traffic in the cathedral city as it is for its historic splendour.

After an attempt to close it to passing traffic was introduced last year and then aborted, residents are now embarking on a new, 12-week consultation period with five options laid before them by Kent County Council (see box on right).

The ultimate aim is to finally solve the daily problems which cause the St Dunstan's area of the city to snarl up during peak hours, while ensuring no ill effect for the traders who operate in and around the towers.

The question on everyone's lips, however, is how to avoid the debacle which has gone before?

Last year, in a bid to ease congestion and address pollution levels, Canterbury City Council introduced a 12-month trial scheme which closed the towers to traffic, and pedestrianised the area below the archway.

The result was a vastly improved area for city visitors, who could finally walk up and around the towers without fear of a double-decker bus bearing down on them.

The negative was that with all traffic diverted, jams developed which made access to local businesses difficult and left many residents fuming.

As arguments raged both for and against the new measures, KCC – which is responsible for the county's roads – moved in and overruled the local authority. It insisted the road return to how it was before and prior to the findings of the trial were examined. By April, the road layout was back to normal.



CENTREPIECE: Canterbury council decided to close Westgate Towers to traffic, angering residents and businesses

But the problems are still there.

A spokesman for Kent County Council explained: "The trial scheme improved air quality and provided local businesses with opportunities to use the widened footway and improved pedestrian routes.

"However, there was significant

queuing and delays in Station Road West and London Road. We are now consulting with the community to determine what they would like to see happen to improve the St Dunstan's area.

"This scheme's aim is to regenerate the St Dunstan's area of Canterbury by

consulting fully with the community to identify a scheme that will deliver benefits to residents, local business, the wider community and visitors."

One thing you can feel confident of, however, is that the saga of the traffic around Westgate Towers still has a few chapters left to write.

FIVE OPTIONS

A The return of the complete ban of traffic through the Westgate Towers with traffic restrictions on Lower St Dunstan's Street.

B Similar to option A as it sees traffic signals installed to the southwest of Westgate Towers to control single-file traffic in both directions. However, traffic would be restricted on St Peter's Place with buses and taxis only being able to travel northbound around towers.

C Traffic signals would be installed to the southwest of Westgate Towers to control single-file traffic in both directions. St Dunstan's Street would be used by northbound traffic. Southbound traffic, including buses must turn left into Station Road West and use North Lane to access St Peter's Place.

D Traffic signals would be installed to the southwest of Westgate Towers to control single file traffic in both directions. St Dunstan's Street would become pedestrianised between 10am and 4pm and through the Westgate Towers.

E To leave the St Dunstan's area traffic movements as they are at present. A width restriction would be implemented through the Westgate Towers.

■ Have your say... view the consultation documents online at <http://bit.ly/1eLgaqj>

Renewed hope firm's filter will subdue the stench

By Chris Murphy

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FED-UP residents who say they are being forced indoors to avoid a sweet sickly smell, are keeping their fingers crossed a new filtration system will finally clear the air.

Campaign groups have been set up in a bid to kick up a stink over claims a company is pumping out pongs from its site in Tonbridge.

Drytec specialises in spray drying products in the food, pharmaceutical and industrial sectors.

But locals say the by-product is a nasty whiff which has been a nuisance for years.

Locals have taken to both Facebook and Twitter to protest and call on the council to take steps amid some claims the smell is causing respiratory problems.

But Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council claims the gases are completely harmless and have been thoroughly analysed by the Health Protection Agency.

Fred Long runs the Stop Tunbridge Smells campaign. He said: "We have put up with this for years. People say they cannot sit in their gar-

dens, and have to stay indoors with their windows closed. We have contacted the council many times, but they don't seem to be willing to do anything. People can't live like this."

Owen Baldock is the council's cabinet member for environmental services. He said things have taken so long because it was tough to determine where the smell was coming from.

However, earlier this year, the company installed equipment to cut the smells, and that is now undergoing a period of testing which is being closely monitored by the authority.

CLlr Baldock said: "The company has been co-

operating with the council as, clearly, they don't want to be closed down. The Health Protection Agency has been in and tested everything.

"Some new filtration equipment was trialled earlier this year, but didn't work too well, so we are now at the start of a six-week testing period of new equipment. We won't know the result of that until the middle of October.

"We got a few calls every few months over the years, but now, because of social media, we received 65 complaints within a few days at the end of March. We take each one very seriously."

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GOOD OR BAD? While Chinese lanterns remain popular, many groups insist they are dangerous and are calling for them to be banned

Deadly beauty in the sky

PRESSURE is growing on the Government to look again at its legislation over the use of Chinese lanterns.

The increasingly popular lanterns are regular sights in the skies above Kent – with the potential damage they can cause disguised by their beauty as they rise gently into the air and are then carried as far as the eye can see on the breeze.

But opponents say they pack a potentially lethal punch, with one senior Kent farming figure saying it is merely a matter of time before the lanterns are responsible for sparking a major incident in the county.

Chinese lanterns – which consist of a fuel source cocooned in a paper covering – use the heat from the flame to lift into the sky and catch the breeze. They can fly for miles before the fuel runs out and they return to land.

But often they fall while still burning, thus proving a fire risk, while other groups – including the RSPCA – say animals can get caught up in their wire frames or suffer harm if they eat them.

In June a Chinese lantern was blamed for causing a huge fire in Smethwick, described as the biggest fire ever seen in the West Midlands.

It is believed one of the lanterns fell onto the plastic recycling plant, starting a blaze which engulfed 100,000 tonnes of material, prompted a huge effort by 200 firefighters to bring it under control, caused £6 million worth of damage and sent a 6,000ft plume of black smoke into the sky.

Perhaps unsurprisingly, it has prompted a host of organisations – which include the local NFU and the Country Land & Business Association

As pressure grows once more to ban them, **Chris Britcher** looks at the mounting case against Chinese lanterns

(CLA) – to again call on Government office Defra to re-examine its decision earlier this year not to impose a ban.

The CLA, a membership organisation which seeks to represent owners of land, property and business in rural England and Wales, says Defra's stance was taken before the Smethwick fire in July, and is based on an "inconclusive and unsatisfactory" report.

Defra based its decision in May on a report prepared by the environment agency ADAS. Entitled Sky Lanterns and Helium Balloons: An Assessment of Impacts on Livestock and the Environment, the CLA – with views echoed by the Kent branch of the NFU – says it fails to recognise the true scale

of the threat posed.

Having lobbied Defra earlier in the year, the CLA's policy director, Christopher Price, held talks recently with agriculture minister David Heath. It was a meeting which would result in the CLA this week reigniting the debate.

CLA regional director Robin Edwards said: "Defra is under the impression that the main risk posed by sky lanterns is to aircraft. In fact there is plenty of evidence these flying bonfires are damaging property and crops and harming and killing cattle.

"Even the ADAS report concluded that 'the fire risk associated with the use of sky lanterns is significant'. It reported around 16 cases of injury or death to cattle, sheep or horses and admitted there may be a 'significant level of under-reporting by veterinary surgeons and others'. Yet this inconclusive and unsatisfactory report still concluded the impact on livestock was very small.

"We are advising our members not to use sky lanterns or to allow their use on their land. We would like Mr Heath to take our call for a ban seriously for the sake of farming."

It was a view echoed by farmer Kevin Attwood, at his farm in Doddington, near Sittingbourne. Chairman of the NFU South East region board and chairman of the Kent County Agricultural Society – which organises the Kent County Show – he is convinced something must be done.

Speaking to KoS this week, Mr Attwood said: "We fully support the CLA in their call for a ban and would support them in calling for a review.

"It is an exceedingly irresponsible thing to do; after all, you are sending up a lit element to fall onto land.

"I believe it is only luck that Kent has not had a major incident as a result of them.

"After the fire in the West Midlands I hope it will prompt a review – much of the original decision was on account of there being no serious incident; I hope we don't have to wait for another before a review takes place."

He says that while working around the county the remains of lanterns have been found from Medway to Ashford to Swale. Nor has he seen any decline in their use despite widespread appeals to not use them and the publicity of the Smethwick fire.

He added: "We've not seen any drop in the number since the fire, so it's still a very real problem.

"It seems a relatively simple step to introduce a ban to start in 12 months' time. If it came into force in June 2014 it would be just ahead of the ripening of crops. It would also allow traders to start exhausting their supplies so no-one is left out of pocket."

The RSPCA, unsurprisingly, remains adamant the lanterns should be ditched.

A spokesman explained: "Most people who release these lanterns

have no idea of the harmful and even deadly consequences they can have.

"Animals have eaten fallen lantern wire parts which can cause internal bleeding, leading to a slow, painful death. Or they have become tangled in the frames and injured themselves as they struggle for freedom."

Stuart Skilton is Kent Fire and Rescue Service's area manager for community safety. He said: "We ask people to think carefully before using Chinese lanterns – remember once lit and released there is no control over its direction or where it lands. This could have serious consequences.

"This is an uncontrolled naked flame with a fuel cell and has the potential to set light to other objects."

Defra, for now it seems, remains resolute on its original stance of not introducing a ban.

A spokesman told KoS: "While farmers have lost livestock due to ingested wire from sky lanterns, independent research [the aforementioned report] shows any widespread risk of injury and death to cattle and impact on the environment is low."

However, Defra says work continues to raise awareness of the dangers, and councils are urged to look at introducing licensing for mass releases of the lanterns, while also working with the likes of the National Trust and British Hospitality Association to help raise awareness.

For now, at least, the Chinese lantern craze will continue.

■ What do you think of the use of Chinese lanterns? Write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS. Or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

“It is an exceedingly irresponsible thing; you are sending up a lit element to float and fall onto land. It is only luck that Kent has not had a major incident”

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GPs call to limit the privatisation infecting the NHS

By Marijke Cox

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WHAT DOCTORS SAID...

FEARS over changes within the NHS continue to deepen, with doctors admitting their concerns of a future riddled with privatisation.

The new findings emerged following a survey by pressure group Keep Our NHS Public West Kent, which looked to gauge the feelings of medical professionals in the area.

GPs at practices in the west of the county were contacted asking for their views on the shake-up within the health service.

Changes came into force on April 1, including the abolishment of primary care trusts and subsequent replacement with new Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs).

Under the new rules, GPs are responsible for a huge portion of the NHS budget and for deciding what local services to fund. Government ministers believe GPs are in the best position to understand the needs of their patients.

But new organisations will be able to offer CCGs support on buying in health services, sparking fears it could lead to privatisation.

A spokeswoman from Keep Our NHS Public West Kent, said the survey revealed 71 per cent of GPs asked thought increased privatisation was 'somewhat or entirely likely'.

Yet almost half of the 32 GPs who responded disagreed with the suggestion that privatisation would bring down costs in surgeries.

There was also universal agreement that GPs should not feel pressured to use private services when equivalent NHS provision exists or could be made available.

A third of respondents, however, disagreed the NHS should "remain wedded" to its 65-year-old founding principles.

Some said they were still giving the changes the benefit of the doubt.

The spokeswoman added: "While the GPs who took the time to answer the survey are likely to be those with strong views on the new deal, and thus probably not representative of all health practitioners, their answers give an insight into how a significant number view the reorganisation."

She said there was a strong feeling among the doctors that governments, both past and present, were hostile to their profession and the NHS, and that the health service was used as a "political football".

"Around half of the respondents took advantage of an open-ended question asking for un-

■ "The carpet for privatisation is being rolled out with increasing momentum and this will be the only way forward if patients are to receive any form of healthcare in the future if we remain on the current path."

■ "Hospitals and GP surgeries, if expected to enter a competitive market, need to be on a level playing field with the private sector. This is unachievable when the private sector is able to refuse to treat the sickest patients."

■ "Privatisation will inevitably lead to fragmentation of services and threatens continuity of care. If this continues, the NHS logo will merely be a franchise for different services and arguably variable quality."

■ "Taxpayers' money used to pay the private sector and line the pockets of its shareholders through profit is fundamentally wrong in any sector."

prompted comments on the NHS reorganisation," she said. "Unsurprisingly, these were mainly negative, with respondents considering the changes unnecessary and over complex at best and disastrous at worst, with references to a 'totally destabilised organisation' which would see 'GPs leave [the service] in droves'."

A Department of Health spokeswoman said there was no policy to privatise NHS services.

"The NHS will stay free, but it's right that patients should get the best service – regardless of who provides it," she said. "Charities, social enterprises and independent providers play an important part in NHS care – and have done for many years – helping give patients more choice of where and how they are treated."

She stressed the Health and Social Care Act 2012 introduced specific safeguards around competition, preventing discrimination in favour of private health companies.

Keep Our NHS Public West Kent, which meets in Tonbridge, says it is determined to stop outsourcing.

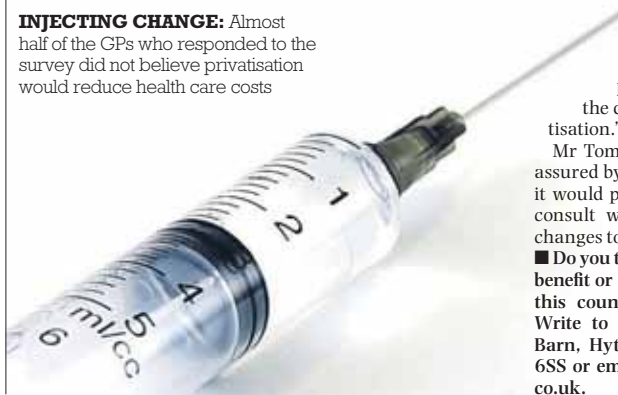
Chairman Gareth Tomlinson said: "The NHS has served this country well and is the envy of many countries. Despite an earlier election pledge that there would be no more top-down changes to the NHS, the 2012 act sets up a completely new system."

"It puts doctors in charge of commissioning health services, which we support, but it could open the door to widespread privatisation."

Mr Tomlinson said he had been assured by the West Kent CCG that it would protect NHS services and consult with patients before any changes to services are made.

■ Do you think privatisation would benefit or hinder health services in this country? Share your views: Write to The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth TN25 6SS or email editorial@kosmedia.co.uk.

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But the proof of the pudding, as they say, is in the eating... so why not indulge in a big help-



ing of KoS this weekend and let us know what you think of the new look – and what you'd like to see in the future.

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Greg Miles finds out the secret of making people smile

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THE bigger is not necessarily the better, as musical sensations the Ukulele Orchestra of Great Britain have been proving to audiences for an incredible 28 years.

With two Kent members among their ranks, they have transformed the fortunes of the once-maligned miniature instrument through their alternative twist on popular music and their captivating live shows.

Those shows have taken them across much of the planet through such venues as the Royal Albert Hall and Sydney Opera House, with even the odd appearance at festivals including Glastonbury.

It is a strange existence for a group who started out as a bit of fun, transforming popular hits such as Nirvana's Smells Like Teen Spirit or Motorhead's Ace of Spades into reworked masterpieces.

Founder and co-director George Hinchliffe, who, with fellow member Peter Brooke Turner, hails from east Kent, feels their life is not too unlike a pop group.

"It's all been a bit strange for us – we're dashing about as though it's a rock tour," he said. "If we were 17,

you would think we were living the dream, but we've been doing it a bit longer than that.

"Sometimes people say you've played at the Royal Albert and Carnegie Hall, but the very first gig we thought we would do, it was for a wheeze. As soon as we realised people liked it we knew it wasn't going to be long before we got on to the bigger venues.

"The first gig we thought would be

“We like music. If you're fond of your girlfriend, you mean it when you kiss her. It's the same with music”

a one-off, but the response we got suggested we should keep it going and it snowballed.

"The idea was to make it as entertaining and light-hearted as possible. We were always serious with the music."

So what is the recipe for success?

"It's all about having fun. We have fun with it and when I talk to people there is a common thread. We all say

the same thing, that it makes people happy as a result of seeing the show," he said. "It's not just about 'Oh, that's a nice tune' – there's something else going on.

"That can't be a bad thing if that's what people find."

It was not long after the group's formation and subsequent surge in popularity that the ukuleles collecting dust on the shelves of music shops around the world started to fly. They are in fact now a rival to the recorder as an instrument of choice in music lessons at many schools.

But Hinchliffe, who was this week at the Assembly Hall in Tunbridge Wells with the band, says the UOGB is not solely responsible.

"We can't be blamed entirely for that fashion," he said. "When we started, hardly anyone was playing it other than George Formby fans.

"It was difficult to get a decent instrument – now there are loads of different styles and qualities and price range. The world has changed."

In true UOGB style, their debut album cover saw one of the band members holding a flying-V-style

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ukulele that hints at the band's satirical tone.

But somewhere between then and now the irony has been lost on some, says Hinchliffe: "It was a tongue-in-cheek interpretation – other manufacturers have come up with other versions since."

"It happens with anything – we make jokes or funny titles, and other people run with it or manufacture it. When we say we did it first, they say 'No you didn't'."

"It's there on our album cover in 1988 – what were they doing in 1988?"

"People use the term bonsai guitar and we used it years ago as a spoof. Some people use it and they're all very serious about it. But as long as it's fun, it's fine. There are no rules."

The band members, Dave Suich, Hester Goodman, Richie Williams, Kitty Lux, Will Grove-White and Jonty Bankes, come from all manner of musical backgrounds, which might make you think there would be musical differences.

However, Hinchliffe, who played the Hammond organ in several bands before UOGB, feels it is their willingness to collaborate that makes things work: "We all strive to work together. Everybody has a different range and background and different expertise."

"It's like a bunch of rejects from other bands – a rock band, a punk band and a classical. All the goalkeepers out of five-a-side teams – a bunch of misfits."

That balance has played a big part in keeping things creative as well as maintaining harmony.

"We had all done other musical projects before, it's hard to remember. People say what's your CV like – well, I was at school, did a bit of college and then this ukulele thing. That's it."

"We like the music – that's the key. If you're fond of your girlfriend, you mean it when you kiss her. It's the same with the music."

"We always try to twist it around and find some fresh perspective. One of the things I learnt early on is it's all well and good having good musicians, but if you don't get on you've got a punch-up on your hands."

“It's like a bunch of rejects from other bands – a rock band, a punk band and a classical. A bunch of misfits”

"If you're on tour, you're on stage for two hours, but the other 22 you're with each other in a van or hotel, or waiting for a plane. If you're going to start arguing, it's not going to work."

"In a way it's a self-selecting kind of thing – some people don't like it and others drift off. People don't want to join if it's not their vibe."

That touring schedule means some of the members are away from their families for extended periods as they do more than 100 dates a year.

"We tend to do one-nighters all over the world. We are in Sweden and have just done a bit of Denmark,

and a couple of days either end, then time recuperating. You can work out what that's like," he said.

"We do about 120 gigs a year – we go to America, New Zealand. Our UK fans feel we neglect them, but it's the mad travel that means we are away most of the time. Some of the guys have kids, so we don't tend to stay away too long."

Their fame is such that they have their own Wikipedia entry, which Hinchliffe now leaves in the hands of fans, having once tried to correct it: "It is slightly out of date, so we chipped in to help out, but someone changed it back. They said they knew better even though we're the band."

"We had a go and thought if someone else is keen on doing it at least something is there, even if it is wrong."

The future is predictably full of touring for the group, but it does bring with it a new area of fans to win over as they head to China for the first time in the next few years.

"We've done Japan a few times. We want to do Taiwan and places like that," said Hinchliffe. "We're also going to China. That presents more problems."

"After Bjork finished one of her concerts by shouting out 'Free Tibet!' they want to know exactly what you're going to be performing – all the lyrics, song sheets, all translated into Chinese."

"You're not allowed to say anything on stage without it being vetted by the authorities. It means we have to translate all our corny jokes into Chinese now."



IN DEMAND: The little ukulele has grown in popularity since the group played their first gig – supposedly one-off 'for a wheeze' – 17 years ago



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Turner exhibition takes a natural turn

**Turner and Constable:
Sketching from Nature**
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A SHOWCASE of works by JMW Turner, John Constable and their associates will form the latest exhibition at Turner Contemporary.

The exhibition, Turner and Constable: Sketching from Nature, is the first historical exhibition since the popular Turner And The Elements last year and brings together 75 paintings from the Tate collection.

Organised by the Compton Verney gallery, it is the fullest presentation of oil sketches from the Tate collection to date and is curated by Michael Rosenthal, emeritus professor of art history at the University of Warwick, who feels the selection offers an insight into the changing art of the time.

He said: "Turner comes into it because after 1805 or so he regularly sketched in oil along the Thames and its tributaries, and his presence explains why the show's coming to Turner Contemporary, where they like to have a Turner presence in at least one of their annual exhibitions.

"In this one we see him in context, as it were. The paintings, I suspect, are more significant than I'd realised.

"Common nature was regarded as not worth bothering with. The practice came into British art because the



IN CONTEXT: The Thames near Walton Bridges by J M W Turner
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Welsh painter Richard Wilson was converted to landscape in Rome in the 1750s by French artists and subsequently knew about this process.

"He taught this to William Hodges, artist on the second Cook voyage, Joseph Farington and Thomas Jones."

The reason for so much activity in the early 19th century can be put down to a lack of travel, said Professor Rosenthal: "Between 1792 and 1815, with a brief break in 1802, the UK

was cut off from Europe. Until Trafalgar in 1805, there was a real threat of invasion. Landscapes represent the actuality of what was threatened and it's interesting that so much activity took place post-1805.

"By 1825 or so, landscape has run out of steam, and people want subject pictures painted by such artists as Wilkie or Landseer. This is a moment of cultural transformation that's crying out for serious investigation.

"Obviously people like Turner and Constable carried on, but younger artists were into different things."

Their importance might not have been appreciated as much as they should have been at the time, but they set a benchmark across the Continent.

"Most of these works didn't make it to exhibition save for a brief moment in the 1810s when more finished naturalistic landscapes did," said Professor Rosenthal. "

"Because they were private they didn't have much influence, although later artists did respond to Constable's oil sketches.

"For a long time these works were seen by patriotic British art historians as anticipating Impressionism, which is garbage. However, they were radically new and ahead of comparable oil sketching as it developed on the Continent from the 1830s."

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Fifty years on, there's no loss of tempo for orchestra

As a platform for Kent's young classical musicians hits a very special milestone, **Greg Miles** discovers how it all began



HALF a century ago a project was born that would set the benchmark for classical-music talent in the county and it is still going strong today.

Kent County Youth Orchestra has provided a platform for young people to share their skills since 1963, when Hungarian visionary Béla de Csilléry made his dream come true.

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Geoff Dixon has been manager of KCYO for 13 years. Before then, Chris Ridgway was manager, while there have been just two full-time directors – founder de Csilléry and Alan Vincent.

"It has stayed much the same over the last 50 years," said Dixon. "It's a group that has produced a lot of great musicians and has fed many of the orchestras in Kent, while others have gone on to take music up professionally. Many of our tutors are ex-members, too."

"Kent has benefited tremendously from the orchestra. It was an enlightened thing the county council did 50

years ago and it is great they have carried on funding it."

It all started when the county council appointed de Csilléry as Kent county music adviser in 1962.

A year later he set up KCYO, with rehearsals starting at Broomhill Bank School in Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells.

The first concert took place at the County Grammar School for Girls in Tunbridge Wells on August 16, 1963.

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IN TIME: Alan Vincent, left, and founder Béla de Csilléry, right
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One tradition that carried on for more than 20 years was an annual concert at London's Royal Festival Hall, where in April or May between 1973 and 1996 the orchestra would perform to some 1,250 people.

Internationally-renowned composer and former KCYO member Benjamin Oliver helped celebrate the milestone by writing a concerto for the 50th-anniversary concert at Maidstone's Mote Hall this month.

The piece, Loop Concerto, was performed by Ivo Neame, the acclaimed jazz pianist and another former KCYO member.

The former Chatham resident, who

joined the group aged 10, said: "I had my first piano lesson on my sixth birthday. My mother was a pianist and I would listen to her practise and I hounded her to have a go myself."

"I owe a great debt to many tutors and mentors at Kent Music [the umbrella group that includes the orchestra]. Among them are my flute-teacher Margaret Pether, one of the flute-tutors at Benenden, Kirsten Spratt, musical director Alan Vincent and Geoff Dixon.

"KCYO was a very important part of my life and I made many friends among the people with whom I played music. My family still lives around

Chatham and Rochester, so I get back to Kent quite often and I have recently spent a lot of time in Canterbury involved in musical projects.

"It was a great honour to be asked to compose a piece for the anniversary concert.

"I immediately asked if I could write something for the jazz pianist Ivo Neame, who was a contemporary of mine in KCYO, and was delighted when Geoff helped to make it possible. Ivo's amazing playing provided much of the inspiration for the piece."

■ Visit www.kent-music.com to find out more about Kent County Youth Orchestra.

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Three days of culinary paradise on the coast

From pop-up restaurants to pub events, **Greg Miles** has his taste buds tempted by the diverse range of treats and entertainment at Broadstairs Food Festival

THE foodie's paradise that is Broadstairs Food Festival returns for its fifth year early next month with a programme packed with mouthwatering activities.

Taking place from Friday to Sunday, October 4-6, it promises to showcase Kent's leading food and drinks around the picturesque setting of the seaside town.

There is a genuinely impressive range of activities for the 40,000 or so expected visitors, including a pop-up restaurant run by Jason Freedman, chef patron of the Minnis Bar and Restaurant, and the popular Kitchen Theatre, which will be home to award-winning chefs Andy McLeish, of Chapter One, Locksbottom, Charlie Lakin, of The Marquis at Alkham, and Dev Biswal, of The Ambrette in Margate and Rye.

They will be supported by the team from East Kent College, headed by Craig Mather.

Festival director Jo Scott says it is vital that the event is kept fresh with the addition of different stalls.

"We are having more in the way of fish and vegan and vegetarian stalls this year, which is exciting," she said. "Last year the customer feedback told us there was not enough vegan



and fish on offer, so when we selected the stalls this year I targeted them.

"People are more aware of quality fish now and how to work with it.

"Two pubs have stalls, too. It's good to see the local involvement.

"The festival has grown in the community. When we first started, nobody knew really what it was going to be about. They have all realised and are now involved.

"We have regular traders, but it is important to bring in fresh people – we have to turn down a lot of stalls."

In the build-up to the event there is plenty to entertain. The Gala Supper at East Kent College has sold out on Tuesday, October 1, but a second night has been added for the day before. The event starts at 6.30pm and tickets are priced at £35.

On Wednesday, October 2, Wyatt & Jones restaurant will feature a special festival menu. There will be tours and traditional cream teas at Cliftonville's Walpole Bay Hotel.

On the Thursday, Graham Ward will host a soirée of entertainment at Oscar's Festival Café. The Thirty-Nine Steps Alehouse will have music from acoustic duo Mike Deavin and Brian Langsdon, with guest Nigel Feist. Pre-booking is essential – visit www.thethirty-ninesteps.co.uk.

Also on this day, Thanet Film Society is showing Jiro Dreams of Sushi. It follows Jiro Ono, an 85-year-old sushi master and owner of Michelin three-star restaurant Sukiyabashi. Tickets are £5 on the door and the film starts at 8pm. Visit www.thanetfilm.co.uk for details.

It's then time for the festival itself, from Friday to Sunday, October 4-6. It is open from 10am-6pm on the first two days and 10am-5pm on the Sunday. Entry is free.

Visit www.broadstairsfoodfestival.org.uk for the full programme.

Who will be revealed as the hero of our Food & Drink Awards for 2013?

THERE is just one week to go until we begin to reveal the finalists of the first Kent Life and Kent on Sunday Food & Drink Awards.

After working through the piles of entries sent in by you, our readers, we are just days away from unveiling the short-list for the county's premier food and drink awards.

The competition, sponsored by MBK Design Studios, has been a hotly-anticipated affair, with the county's plethora of food and drink venues, retailers and producers all vying to be recognised by our panel of judges.

All areas of the industry, from pubs to butchers, will feature, while there will be a special honour for the hero of the Kent food and drink community.

Winners will be announced on the awards night for the following



categories: Newcomer of the Year, Butcher of the Year, Tea Shop of the Year, Independent Retailer of the Year, Farm Shop, Food or Drink Producer, Family Dining Venue, Pub of the Year, Farmers' Market, Restaurant of the Year, Chef of the Year and Kent Food and Drink Hero.

All of the finalists, half of whom we will reveal in next week's paper, will be invited along to the awards evening in November, when they will discover how they fared.

The event will be in the swish setting of Tudor Park Hotel in Maidstone on Thursday, November 14, from 6.30pm until midnight.

The evening will take place in the venue's Thurnham Suite and include a three-course meal prepared by executive head chef Tom Biddle.

Such has been the excitement generated by the competition that tickets for the evening have sold out. But fear not – we will make sure you don't miss a thing. Watch this space!



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A chip off the old block sets the standard on his return

The Corner House

Location: Minster, near Ramsgate

Reviewed by **DAVID MAIRS**

MINSTER is strikingly well served by eateries. And this village that sits in the dip below Manston airport has a new name throwing its toe into the culinary ring, The Corner House.

Although unquestionably a fresh venture, there can but be a sense of *déjà vu* about the whole thing. From 1984 to 2000, this place was Morton's Fork, a restaurant owned by David Sworder, who subsequently leased the site to other restaurateurs. Now, 13 years after David moved on

to other ventures, his son Matt has opened The Corner House. It's a kind of homecoming – he was born here.

Matt (excuse the first-name familiarity, but we have to differentiate) has worked as a chef in some of London's finest restaurants under some of the biggest names in the business. Gordon Ramsay, Anthony Demetre and Adam Byatt are all names he can put on the training section of his CV.

And David, for those who missed him, is back, too. He runs front of house, while Matt weaves his magic in the kitchen.

So is it all, in fact, magical? "The concept is to serve London-inspired modern British dishes within a warm and relaxed atmosphere. Seasonal, fresh local produce is key to what we offer. Simple British food done well," is the mission statement.

Sometimes I think that if I see or hear the term 'locally-sourced' again I could take the, admittedly short, leap into insanity. But sometimes you have to believe, particularly with a chef of such esteem and when the word 'seasonal' is part of the deal. Seasonal cooking – there should be more of it.

The restaurant has been refurbished delightfully and the

ambience is intimate and welcoming without being dark and dingy, so often the reality behind the spin. The bar is also charming, as are the people working here. The service was perfect.

Nice touches abound, such as the exquisitely-shaped pork scratchings and the menu in the style of a school exercise book. Further, there is an excellent wine list.

As a starter proper, I had Kentish mussels. Simple British food done brilliantly. I might suggest. My companion plumped for chicken liver parfait with mulled-wine jelly and was thrilled by what she ate.

My main was flat-iron steak and triple-cooked chips that brooked no argument, while on the other side of

the table the loin of cod with new potatoes, peas, lettuce and bacon departed the plate almost as quickly as it had appeared.

My dessert of gooseberry and elderflower fool was good (if not quite as good as Granny's), although the preparation of my companion's espresso granita and Amaretto cream was the one flaw in her meal.

No matter, the experience had been excellent – the final bill was £77.20 – and they say it's the small imperfections that make things beautiful. Minster has a new star.

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Step back and look at bigger picture

John Elliott, managing director of Millwood Designer Homes, has been a voice for the property market's recovery, fighting its corner against what he sees as negative commentators. He says the property market has been showing strong signs of a sustainable recovery for some time. Now it appears that he is not the only one with this view...



IHAVE found the past year very frustrating. It seems that for every positive story in the media about the property market, there are five negative ones. Most of the time it is sensationalism rather than fact.

The latest negative story is that increased mortgage lending and spiralling house prices risk causing a housing bubble, similar to what we saw pre-recession. However, Bank of England governor Mark Carney has been quick to hit back, believing these concerns are unwarranted and vowing to act at the first sign of trouble.

Let's not forget that times have moved on. The Bank of England doesn't just rely on interest rates to contain risk. There are numerous tools they can use to secure the property and financial sectors, doing everything they can to monitor the risk of unstable credit and house-price growth, acting immediately if needed.

In a recent interview with The Sunday Times, Paul Fisher, the bank's executive director for markets, was also quick to challenge the criticism, insisting its new policy of forward guidance on interest rates was working and dismissing fears as hype.

The reality is that no one wants another recession, but sensationalism can be worse than the problem itself. People are forever talking about what might happen, rather than focusing on the facts.

The UK economy is said to be at a rate at which recovery is self-sustaining, with households' debt-servicing costs relative to income below their 20-year average, similar to 2003 levels.

Economic activity is also improving. A recent report from the National Institute of Economic and Social Research revealed that output grew by 0.9 per cent in the three months ending in August.

Yet people are still saying we are heading for this big fall. The reality is that conditions indicate sustainable growth over the



medium term, most importantly at a pace that is likely to be measured rather than rapid. I read an interesting article in The Sunday Times Bricks & Mortar section, which reported that the tempo of the market in most places is quickening, not racing away, particularly when you look at current house prices.

So what is fuelling the fears? Increases in transactions and mortgage lending apparently, even though these rises are from a low base. The Government's Help to Buy equity loan scheme, which underwrites 95 per cent mortgages and allows people to buy newly-built homes with a deposit of just 5 per cent, is one factor being blamed.

However, Charles Goodhart, a former member of the monetary

policy committee and consultant to Morgan Stanley, is in support of the scheme, predicting it could lift the construction of new homes by 30-40 per cent by 2015, compared with last year.

It is important to remember we are still well below the figures we saw pre-recession. Residential sales in July were 18.5 per cent higher at 88,690 than July last year. When you compare that with July 2007's figure of 138,630, things are hardly spiralling out of control.

The Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors recently said it believed the housing market was on the road to recovery, reporting the highest number of potential buyers for four years, with house prices rising across the country for the fourth consecutive month.

The positive feelings are further

supported by the Council of Mortgages Lenders, which reported that first-time homebuyers are rushing back to the market as confidence grows and mortgages become increasingly available.

In the second quarter, 68,200 first-timers purchased property, the highest quarterly number since the pre-crisis peak in 2007.

So does this all sound like the bubble is going to burst? We are going to have waves of recovery – some months things might speed up, while in others they will slow. You have to take a step back and look at the overall picture.

What we want is steady, sustainable growth, and that is what we are getting. I don't think the bubble is going anywhere, so perhaps it is time to stop pointing a finger at it.

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Syria secondary to home affairs

THE call for a further vote on the Syrian issue from the MPs on the 'losing side' demonstrates that while they profess to be democrats, it seems this is only the case when the democratic process acts in accordance with their wishes.

Would they have been looking for another vote for those who opposed bombing Syria had the vote gone against them?

Intervention in the Syrian civil war is not the business of the United Kingdom. Gunboat diplomacy has been passed to the United States; they can afford it.

The Kent MPs who support missile attacks on Syria should devote time to issues requiring attention in their constituencies, particularly here in Thanet North, where social conditions for some are redolent of the hungry 1930s.

Not least, the appalling housing shortage that should be a matter of shame for those entrusted with administration.

In a parliamentary career of 30 years, Sir Roger Gale has never raised the housing issue when speaking in the Commons.

Where do his priorities lay: Damascus or Margate?

Robert Muir, Westgate-on-Sea

End of line due to pricey rail fares

IN October I will have no choice but to leave my job in central London.

As it is now, 60 per cent of my wages goes on the rail fare from Margate to Hackney.

With the increase in season ticket prices on High Speed 1 (HS1) pushing it up to £6,400 a year, it is now costing me more to travel to work than pay my mortgage.

So, effectively, I will have to become unemployed, which is a double-edged sword as I will not be able to claim benefits as I left my employment.

I notice the Government is pushing for off-peak travel to work to help with overcrowding, but Southeastern do not offer a season card for off-peak travel on HS1.

HS1 has been a disaster for east Kent and in particular the region of Thanet. It has now become impossible for the average worker from east Kent to work in London as the average wage does not cover the cost of a HS1 season ticket.

East Kent needs connections to London for jobs, as they are few and far between here.

The price of a season card should reflect this, with cheaper fares so people can go out to work in west Kent, Medway and London to earn a living wage.

Mike Green, Margate

Saying 'no' to airport plans

I READ with dismay your article on the draft proposal on the master

LETTER OF THE WEEK



Still looking back in anger... at tailgaters

IT WAS amusing to read the letter in your newspaper last weekend from I Kember of Dover, on the subject of tailgating on our roads.

I'm not sure if Mr or Mrs Kember have driven much recently, but it's fair to say tailgaters are as common on our highways as a regular rise in the cost of using the Dartford Crossing.

Those who like to drive so close to the car in front, sometimes at such high speeds, are universally despised by all – and that will probably

include their mothers.

It takes only the slightest problem with the car in front or an obstruction ahead and a high-speed crash is a certainty.

And if you're travelling fast enough – and motorways seems to be particularly popular for tailgaters – the chances of either motorist walking away unharmed are extremely remote.

The police made a great deal out of new laws to fine these dangerous drivers – it wouldn't surprise me one bit, if it is rarely enforced.

K Waterman, Tonbridge

plan of the future of the Rochester Airport.

There is a 'Say No' campaign which is struggling to get the 'no' message across against the might of the council.

It fears the 33-strong Conservative councillors can easily out vote the 18 in opposition.

The new runway will really be hellish for the densely populated surrounding area. The region is too urban to accommodate an airport, with constant taking off and landing of aircraft.

Even if the planes are going to be as quiet as a microwave oven, the frequency of turning on and off that oven will give anyone a headache.

Residents are likely to be saddled with an uncontrollable and unrecoverable position for the next 25 years, the length of the lease.

The council's contribution will be £4.4 million in spite of a budget overspend of £3.6m and an increase of council tax of two per cent.

There will be an impact on property prices which will hit the

old residents hard, especially if the house is their main asset.

Recommendations by WS Atkins Consultants say there is no financial case for a concrete runway.

There is uncertainty over the clarity of the terms and conditions of the 25 years lease; can it be transferred, sold and what happens in case of bankruptcy, or worse still, environmental abandonment when running at a loss?

The campaigners did research on one of the fringe streets – one not directly under the flight path – and the 'no' expansion view was overwhelming.

Name and address withheld

Off the pace with life in fast lane

MEP Richard Ashworth's assertion that a device attached to cars would be a "disgraceful disregard for British motorists' freedoms" demonstrates just how out of touch he really is (KoS letters, 15.9).

Motorists 'freedoms' do not, and should not, extend to being able to drive as fast as you want, whenever you want.

The sooner people realise this, and that driving at a safe speed alleviates delays and cuts down death and injury on our roads, the better.

No doubt Mr Ashworth thinks such a view will endear him to the law-breaking motorists who like to travel as fast as possible.

Instead he just alienates many, many more.

G Grant, Dartford

Helping young to build a future

AS the academic year begins, it is worth sparing a thought for this summer's school leavers.

While many of the south east's young people would have been thrilled with their GCSE results, it is vital we don't forget those who did not get the grades they hoped for.

New research by The Prince's Trust and HSBC has found that, in previous years, thousands of young people have literally "abandoned their ambitions" due to poor qualifications.

More than one in 10 of the south east's young people (15 per cent) already expect to "end up on benefits".

For UK school leavers with poor grades, this number increased significantly to one in three (34 per cent).

We must invest in vocational support and training for young people who now find themselves at a loose end, as they watch their peers move on to the next chapter.

The Prince's Trust runs a number of vocational programmes which are proven to work, with three in four disadvantaged young people moving into jobs, education or training.

Government, employers and charities must work together to prevent young talent from going to waste. Failing to give our most vulnerable school leavers a helping hand at a time when many of them need it most risks untold damage to their futures and to our region's prosperity.

Dermot Finch, regional director, The Prince's Trust

Hopes rise for Claire Tiltman

I CAN remember quite clearly the terrible case all those years ago of the brutal death of Claire Tiltman and read with interest last week's story about a new breakthrough.

It was a terrible, shocking crime then which shook up the entire county, and the tragedy of it has not got any better over time; especially as her killer has not yet faced justice.

I do so hope that now, finally, her loyal friends will get the comfort they need and their late friend, the justice she and her poor family so richly deserved.

T Carter, Tunbridge Wells



The Warren

by **Nial Tapley**
from Folkestone

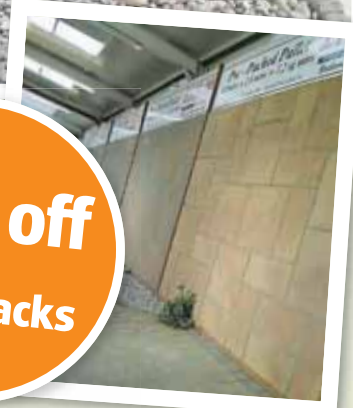
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FOR THE FUTURE: An artist's impression of Chatham Waters



Riverside supermarket to open doors to 400 jobs

First steps towards development of Chatham Waters are unveiled as council gives the go ahead to massive regeneration project. **Joe Bill** finds out more...

A £650million development based at Chatham's former docks will kick start with a new Asda superstore, planning chiefs have revealed.

Just last week Medway Council gave developers, Peel Land and Property, the green light to start phase one of the regeneration project known as Chatham Waters.

Members gave planning permission to the huge project despite initially turning down the application earlier this year. Peel went back to the council with amendments to the plans including the removal of pub, restaurant and café buildings which had previously raised concerns.

Phase one relates to the southern part of the site close to Pier Road and will feature a retail superstore and petrol filling station.

Chiefs at Peel have also said the superstore will be boost local employment by creating 400 jobs.

Development director at Peel, James Whittaker, said: "We're delighted that Medway Council has approved our detailed plans for the first phase of



Chatham Waters in numbers

650	million pounds estimated total cost
1.9	million sq ft total size of development
3,500	total new jobs created
400	jobs created at Asda superstore

Chatham Waters and are excited about being able to start work on the development in the coming months.

"The Chatham Waters scheme will regenerate and breathe new life into a significant area of the dockland in Kent and give the region a real economic boost."

The initial stages of the development will include major improvements to roads and infrastructure as well as landscaping of the site.

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Training, courses & careers

Seminars sing the benefits of taking on an apprentice

A SERIES of free seminars are to take place across the county over the coming weeks in a bid to encourage more firms to recruit an apprentice.

The first took place at the Discovery Park in Sandwich on Thursday, with the rest rolling out over the next fortnight.

Grow Your Business - With An Apprentice is jointly hosted by Barclays and Kent County Council.

During the seminars, local businesses will find out about apprenticeships and other employment opportunities for young people, and understand the benefits of apprenticeships, trainees and work experience

placements.

There will also be a call to unite to help tackle the rising problem of youth unemployment.

Roger Gough, Kent County Council cabinet member for education, said: "Every business in Kent can benefit from taking on an apprentice - they can train tomorrow's workforce and grow their business at the same time."

"We have a fantastic, mixed small and medium-sized business community and anyone considering expansion will find these sessions essential."

"We have a dedicated team to help businesses cut through the red tape and make it as simple as



FUTURE: Find out benefits of hiring young talent at series of seminars

possible to take on an apprentice.

"We have also put aside £2m to fund the Kent Employment Programme. Businesses receive £2,000 for each young person they take on if they have been out of work for three months or more. The team can also help companies access national funding to bring the costs down further."

Other sessions will take place on: September 24 - 9-11am, The Elwick Club, Ashford; September 26 8.30-10.30am - Bridgewood Manor Hotel, Chatham; October 1 - 8.30-10.30am, Kings Hill Golf Club, Maidstone; October 2 - Dartford and Gravesend, venue tbc; October 3 - 8.30-10.30am Seven-oaks Bowl's Club.

Recruits get to go on a power trip

RECRUITS who joined as apprentices at Dungeness B nuclear power station have been on a team-building week in the Lake District.

The seven recruits, from schools in New Romney, Folkestone, Ashford, Lydd, Tenterden and Crawley, are among 59 apprentices to join EDFs nuclear power plants around the UK.

They will spend their first two years with the firm at HMS Sultan, the Portsmouth-based training facility.

College's teacher course goes live

MIDKENT College's PGCE teaching course has started.

The 14 trainees get the opportunity to both study and undertake their teaching placement under the same roof.

Those that make the grade will be offered teaching roles within the college from September. The course is in partnership with Canterbury Christ Church University.

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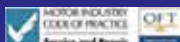
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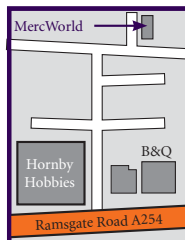
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FUTURE: Chatham Waters is seen as a major player in the regeneration of the Gillingham area

Mr Whittaker added: "This will be a wholly privately funded development that includes major environmental, infrastructure and social improvements."

"This approval paves the way for the remainder of the outline scheme to be brought forward."

The overall proposal will transform a 26-acre heavily industrial site into a new community offering an educational facility, a conference centre, hotel, apartments, town houses and a number of landscaped public areas.

It is estimated the plans could also create a total of 3,500 jobs in the future including those provided at the Asda superstore site.

Medway Council leader Rodney Chambers believes that the Chatham Waters development will be key to the regeneration of the Gillingham area.

He said: "This marks the beginning of a new era for the docklands at Gillingham, which promises to bring thousands of local jobs and economic prosperity to the area."

"Medway has attracted a major regeneration developer to the area in Peel Land and Property and I am pleased that they have changed the first phase scheme to take account of concerns about its design."

"We look forward to making good progress with them."

SITE HISTORY

- The 26-acre land at the Chatham docks is part of the Peel-owned Medway Ports, which in itself is part of Peel Ports and a division of The Peel Group.
- The development site is currently under utilised brownfield land and became vacant just last year.
- The dockyard was used as a naval military facility until the dockyards were closed in 1984.
- The docks reopened as a commercial port operation on April 1, 1985.
- Today, Chatham dock handles in excess of one million tonnes of cargo a year and occupies one of three basins of the former naval dockyard. Medway Ports has a landlord role, operating one berth itself.
- The Chatham Waters development will enable further investment in dock infrastructure.
- According to Peel, to retain the commercial port in the medium to long term requires significant investment in port infrastructure.
- Creating a mixed-use regeneration of the scale proposed will secure the value necessary to make that capital investment and secure the future of Chatham docks for the next 20 years.



SOCIALISE: Kayjaiz Gaming Lounge will be a new place for gamers to meet in the real world

Game on: Start-up scheme unlocks a boost for lounge

By Joe Bill

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A NEW technology venture in Margate is to open its doors this month after benefiting from the Government's Start-Up Loan scheme.

The Kayjaiz Gaming Lounge will offer video gamers a venue to meet new people, exercise and host national, interactive competitions.

The business plan is the brainchild of partners Hefain Bygrave and Roxanne Williams who decided to apply to the Start-Up Loan Scheme for Young People. Start-Up is a government initiative for anyone who is looking to launch their own business and provides access to low-cost funding.

Due to open by the end of the month, the facility will feature the latest interactive gaming and up-to-date networking software including Xbox, Xbox Kinect, PS3, Ouya – the games console which operates on the Android platform – and Wii consoles, all with online accessibility available.

Roxanne said: "It has been a dream of ours for some time now; not only the concept of the idea, but also the feeling of self-worth for making the dream a reality and being our own boss.

"The main aim of the venue is to encourage people to take part in interactive activities and promote exercise and healthy lifestyle options. We will also encourage the educational benefits and career opportunities available through the gaming industry by working closely with education providers, local authorities and some of the games industry providers.

"There will be a study zone and reward schemes in place to encourage students to complete homework within the lounge, a much-needed venue in Margate."

The inventive new business will offer users an hourly rate price, bundle hours, annual memberships, fitness sessions, tournament and monthly community events.

The Let's Do Business Group (LDBG), who administer the Start-Up scheme in the south east, approved the application and granted the pair a loan to help set-up the venture.

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Entrepreneurs' £34m from PM

PRIME Minister David Cameron last week announced an additional £34 million of funding has been allocated to the Start-Up Loans Company.

The news comes as a boost to the government-funded scheme, chaired by former Dragons' Den star James Caan, which offers young entrepreneurs support to start their own businesses with a loan and business mentor.

Start-Up Loans, which celebrates its one-year anniversary this month, has so far committed more than £40m to applicants, aged 18-30, and backed nearly 8,000 businesses.

The new funds will allow the start-up scheme to go further still in rolling out to those aged over 30, now that the Government has removed the age cap, and also allow work to get under way on the wider pan-UK roll out of the programme, working closely with the Scottish and Welsh governments, following roll out of the scheme to Northern Ireland earlier this year.

Chief executive of the Let's Do Business Group, Graham Marley, said: "It is all too easy today for people to spend the majority of their time in front of the TV or computer.

"The gaming lounge is a great environment to encourage people of all ages to be active and healthy.

"The lounge proves gaming can be a social activity which can also be enjoyed outside the comfort of your own home.

"The Start-Up Loans programme is making a terrific difference to people who simply need a bit of help to get their business off the ground."

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Train operator's profit falls due to rail franchise costs

By Joe Bill

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THE parent company for the county's main train operators has reported a fall in pre-tax profits after a rise in franchise payments to the Government.

Transport group Go-Ahead, which owns a 65 per cent stake in Govia, which in-turn runs rail franchises Southeastern, Southern and London Midland, posted an eight per cent fall in the past 12 months to June from £94.2 million to £86.2m.

The bus and rail operator claims the reduction is down to an increase in franchise fees to central Government which rose by a staggering £85.9m this year.

Staying positive, Go-Ahead chief executive David Brown believes that despite the drop in profits, the transport group has performed exceptionally well in the past year.

He said: "Following a challenging year in the rail industry, we continue to believe in the fundamental strengths of the rail market and look forward to significant opportunities available to the group over the coming months and years.

There was also a drop in operating profit to £102.5m from £110.2m but the group did report a rise in revenues to £2.6bn from £2.4bn, boosted by record passenger numbers across its rail and bus networks.

Southeastern, which carry an estimated 570,000 passengers into London from Kent and East Sussex daily, took over the majority of the Kent lines from Connex in 2003, and was joined

by the full High Speed One service in 2007.

Mr Brown added that with the original franchise deals coming to an end, overall business performance could become skewed because of the economic climate now compared with when the contract started.

He said: "As our rail franchises near the end of their original terms, performance has become more challenging as the assumptions set out in the franchise bid no longer reflect the current economic conditions. In line with the franchise bid profile, our payments to the Government in the year increased by £85.9m, despite our rail profits falling by £15.7m."

The existing Southeastern franchise deal was due to expire in 2014.

What is more, Southeastern was expected to face a tough task in justifying any extension to its deal after a string of high-profile issues, primarily around how the trains operate during severe weather and rising fares – although that is primarily dictated by the Government.

However, following the debacle over the awarding of the West Coast line franchise – the first up for renewal in the current cycle – the Government is re-examining the process.

Which meant existing operators were given extensions, with Southeastern's now one of the last to come up for review in 2018.

Go-Ahead is currently in the running for both the Crossrail and Thameslink franchises and was also shortlisted for the Docklands Light Railway franchise, but withdrew last month after its joint venture partner, Colas Rail, announced its decision to pull out of the competition.



Southeastern in numbers

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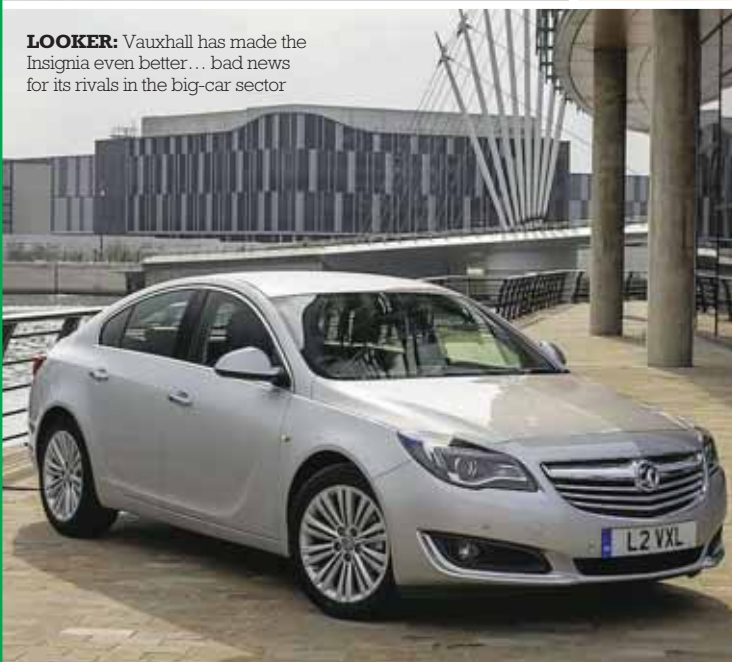
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LOOKER: Vauxhall has made the Insignia even better... bad news for its rivals in the big-car sector



Insignia's slippery good looks

VAUXHALL says the new-look Insignia due in October is now the world's most aerodynamic car in its market sector.

And those slippery good looks have enabled the brand to create a version with such low CO₂ emissions that it escapes road tax altogether and allies with fuel consumption so miserly that the average company-car-driver might need to fill up just 18 times a year.

Pretty impressive stuff for a car that has already made some changes to the big-car landscape since arriving in late 2008.

The newcomer immediately landed the coveted European Car Of The Year Award and set about dismantling Ford's traditional domination of the mainstream family/company-car segment; the Ford Mondeo has since been consistently behind the big Vauxhall in the sales race.

With more style and on-road presence, the Insignia has also done a pretty good job in shackling the BMW 3-Series' overall leadership of the sector; the German car remains the star, though, thanks to its premium badge and gold-plated resale values.

Nevertheless, none of Vauxhall's rivals will like what they see about

Other view...

the Petrolhead

I love the Insignia's style, and the well-priced VXR SuperSports delivers street cred, but I'm not sure it beats a 3-Series for image, though.

the Woman Driver

It looks stunning, but it's a big old wagon - Vauxhall's Astra or something else that size is more me. Vauxhall's image is dull, too.

the Eco-warrior

I applaud the Ecoflex version - 99g/km of CO₂ is impressive for the Insignia's size - but it's a huge car and we should be downsizing

the facelift Insignia, where the General Motors (GM) brand has impressively and clinically put right the original car's few weaknesses and enhanced its big selling points.

For cash-conscious consumers and company-car and fleet managers, the headline news is the new 2.0 CDTi Ecoflex diesel version and its road-tax-exempt 99g/km of CO₂, with a potential 76.2mpg on the official combined cycle. This has been achieved largely through enhancement of the Insignia's already slim line design, which has reduced the vehicle's drag coefficient to under 0.25 for the hatchback and 0.28 for the Sports Tourer or estate.

GM's engineers have used extended underbody covers and wider front spoiler lips, plus redesigned tail-light housings and rear deck lid spoiler.

About 8 per cent of drag has also been saved by a clever shutter on the new-look front grille, which now remains closed unless the engine needs cooling down, also helping to warm the engine on cold mornings.

Though some rivals reduced their range of body styles, Vauxhall continues to offer the Insignia with five-door hatch, four-door saloon and estate variants and with a £16,279 start price almost £2,000 less than the outgoing line-up.

Despite the price cuts, Vauxhall believes it has taken the car upmarket with a new-look cabin featuring a redesigned centre console and instrument cluster. The former has been simplified, with fewer buttons and more intuitive operation of common functions such as air-con and infotainment, while the instrument cluster has new dials and a fresh, hi-tech look.

Optional across the range is an eight-inch, high-resolution colour infotainment touchscreen - it was five inches previously.

Significantly, Vauxhall also claims to have fine-tuned the car's chassis, previously a slight weakness against the well-sorted Mondeo.

This should be particularly noticeable in the Insignia VXR SuperSport hatchback and Sport Tourer estate performance models.

Priced from £29,749, these continue to be two of the best-value big sporting cars on the UK market and certainly the fastest for less than £30,000 - and that's assuming you have to pay list price.

Finally, a footnote to the Insignia success story: virtually the same car is sold in the US and Canada, where it has helped GM's Buick brand recapture some of its old dynamism and attract new and younger buyers.

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IT ALL ADDS UP: Fiat's new MPW 500L now offers seven seats in a 5+2 layout (below)

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Promising future

JAGUAR has given a glimpse of its first-ever crossover model and a new advanced aluminium construction technology; the latter will enable it to build a whole new generation of lightweight models.

The resurgent British sporting premium marque says the newly-unveiled C-X17 is a concept, but a case for producing it was surely made by the media and public frenzy that this stunning eye-catcher created at the Frankfurt Motor Show.



Best small estate?

SEAT'S new Leon ST (from £16,675) could be the best-looking small estate to hit the market.

It's never easy morphing a family hatchback design into a practical estate spin-off, but the VW-owned Spanish marque has created a style icon with a 587-litre boot, rising to 1,470 litres with rear seats folded.

SEAT boss Jürgen Stackmann said: "Nobody has to choose between sporty and practical any more." Quite.



Mark III due soon

NISSAN has unveiled its third-generation X-Trail SUV with the claim that it is even better on-road, while 4x4 versions retain the car's capability off-road – better than your average 'soft-roader'.

Nissan says the new, more rounded, X-Trail also builds in some of the style and versatility of the Japanese marque's sector dominating Qashqai and Juke crossover models.

The all-new X-Trail is due here early next year.

Fiat 500 is going large

It's not pretty but, as **Steve Loader** reports, Fiat's new baby MPV is a really clever spin-off from the hugely popular 500 supermini... you can even have seven seats

IT might be small but there's no need to look hard to find the reason for Fiat's recovery from the brink – the launch of the retro-looking Fiat 500 in 2007.

Hailed as one of the coolest small cars to be seen in, the three-door 500 revitalised the faltering Italian giant.

No wonder, then, that it's tried to sprinkle 500 stardust elsewhere in the form of the new 500L series.

However, viewing this family of versatile MPVs as a stretched 500 is stretching the imagination, too; apart from vestiges of a 500 'face', the little supermini's so-called big brother appears to have been on a burger-bar 'Go Large' menu rather than a healthy Mediterranean diet.

Look beyond the chunkiness, though, and the 500L's good points shine through: masterly empty space engineering and practicality within a compact on-road footprint, generally well priced (from £14,995) and not a bad drive, either, for a relatively tall small car.

On top of that, there are now two spin-off 500L versions.

The Trekking (from £17,095) has a special traction control on the front-driven wheels, enabling it to behave like an all-wheel-drive car in slippery conditions. It can even do limited off-roading.

And the newly-launched supersize MPW (from £15,795) is available with five seats or – for an extra £700 – seven, though Fiat shies away from the seven-seat claims of some rivals and refers instead to the MPW's ultimate capacity as 5+2 seats.

All these different 500L options can tempt original 500-owners that Fiat aims to retain when they move



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on to have a family and need something more spacious and versatile. And while the 500L might have lost the cheekiness of its hatchback namesake, it retains some 'la dolce vita' through wide-ranging customisation options.

Fiat says it has the most body colours (10) in segment, plus a choice of three roof colours and 12 wheel options just for starters.

But 500 baby-boomers won't forsake their chirpy hatch simply because they can jazz a 500L just the same; they want space, and lots of it.

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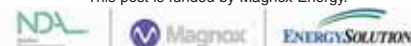
Bringing together key stakeholders from the public, private and voluntary sectors in Kent and East Sussex, RMP has already been instrumental in securing a major funding package, the Marsh Million, which will provide business loans and economic project grants to the area over the next three years.

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THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0292/SH - 22 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2JJ - Erection of extension to existing sun room to rear.

Y13/0910/SH - 22 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2JJ - Listed Building Consent for the erection of an extension to the existing sun room to the rear.

Y13/0922/SH - Land Adjoining Ingles Manor Castle Hill Avenue Folkestone Kent - Section 73 application to vary conditions 5 and 19 of planning permission Y12/0767/SH relating to Phase 1 of the scheme and consisting of amendments to the site layout and elevational treatment - A hybrid application encompassing: 1) Full application for the erection of 13 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping together with 3 two storey office buildings with parking and landscaping forming phases 1 and 3. and 2) Outline application for the erection of 46 dwellings with associated parking and landscaping forming phases 2 and 4 (matters relating to access, landscaping and layout).

Y13/0699/SH - 122 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2BW - Change of use and conversion of first floor office to a self-contained flat.

Y13/0901/SH - Old Romney Village Hall Swamp Road Old Romney Kent - Erection of a detached two-storey dwelling together with a detached double garage, access drive and creation of a swimming pool following demolition of the existing village hall.

Y13/0851/SH - Holt Lodge School Hill Bodsham Ashford Kent - Erection of a stable.

Y13/0873/SH - Osborne House 3 - 5 Portland Road Hythe Kent CT21 6EG - Change of use and conversion of part of the former Club (Class D2) to a Nursery School (Class D1) including external alterations.

Y13/0883/SH - Garden Flat 21 Clifton Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2EN - Installation of French doors in the same width opening through the removal of masonry beneath the window cill (resubmission of Y13/0188/SH).

Y13/0930/SH - 2 Well House 41 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2JL - Section 73 application for variation of condition 2 of planning permission Y12/0437/SH to allow for an increase in height of the garage from 3.25m to 4.25m.

Y13/0867/SH - Flat 8 207 Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2HT - Installation of replacement vertical sliding uPVC windows.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at <http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/>.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council



TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 07 OCTOBER 2013.

SW/13/0980:
Terracing of part of agricultural field - Harefield House, Hogbens Hill, SELLING; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/1061:
Replacement of existing wooden front door with new wooden door and door frame - 27 Upper Brents,FAVERSHAM; REASON 1

SW/13/1090:
Demolition of existing building (8 units) and the erection of a replacement building comprising 6 x one bed and 4 x 2 bed flats with associated landscaping, car parking and refuse storage - Plaza Court, East Street, SITTINGBOURNE; REASON 3

SW/13/1122:
Erection of metal cage - St Peter & St Paul's Church, The Street, BORDEN; REASONS 1 & 2

SW/13/1130:
Change of use from barn to bungalow on land to the side and rear of Belldoon House - Belldoon,Deerton Street,TEYNHAM; REASON 2

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010 (AS AMENDED)

KCC/TW/0279/2013 - Proposed development at Southborough C of E Primary School, Broomhill Park Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN4 0JY

Kent County Council Property & Infrastructure Support is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for the erection of a new teaching building, revised parking layout including an additional 9 parking spaces and other external alterations to existing infant block and junior block school buildings.

You may view this application at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council, 8 Grosvenor Road, Royal Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN1 2AB

THE PLANNING (LISTED BUILDING AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

KCC/SH/0267/2013 - Proposed development at Herne Bay Junior School, Kings Road, Herne Bay, Kent, CT6 5DA

Herne Bay Junior School is applying to the Kent County Council for planning permission for internal classroom alterations and ground floor infill extension and entrance/foyer reception enclosure. The proposed development is within the Herne Bay Conservation Area and is likely to affect its character and/or appearance and may also affect the setting of a listed building.

You may view this application at Canterbury City Council, Canterbury Main Office, Military Road, Canterbury, Kent, CT1 1YW

KCC/SH/0267/2013 - Proposed development at The Marsh Academy, Station Road, New Romney, Kent, TN28 8BB

The Marsh Academy is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission for enhancement/widening works to the pathway to the rear of the Arts Block to improve access to the newly constructed Marsh Academy Inclusion Centre (Planning Applications SH/11/399) and replacement fencing between the vehicle access to the Inclusion Centre and the pedestrian access gate on Station Road. The proposed development is within/adjacent to a Conservation Area and may affect its character and/or appearance.

You may view this application at Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 22 September 2013



Town and Country Planning Act, 1990

Notice of Public Inquiry

Application TW/13/00014/FULMJ Land rear of Fowlers Park Rye Road Hawkhurst Kent

Redevelopment of the site to provide 120 No. dwellings with associated access, car parking, landscaping and open space provision

A Public Inquiry is being held to consider the above planning application made to Tunbridge Wells Borough Council.

An Inspector, appointed by the Secretary of State under paragraph 1(1) of Schedule 6 to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 will determine the appeal.

The Public Inquiry will start on Tuesday 29 October 2013 at 10.00am at Calverley House Business and Conference Centre, Calverley House, 55 Calverley Road, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN1 2TU and is expected to last for 5 days.

Documents relating to the application can be viewed at Gateway 8 Grosvenor Road Royal Tunbridge Wells Kent TN1 2AB by prior arrangement or are available on the Council's web site at www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk

The Planning Inspectorate will publish the decision on the Planning Portal.

Members of the public may attend the Inquiry and, at the discretion of the Inspector, express their views. Suitable facilities will be in place for any disabled attendees.



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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING APPLICATIONS LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DOV/13/00726

Erection of a detached dwelling

Cophorne, Dover Road, Guston, Dover, CT15 5EN ARW

DOV/13/00607

Reserved matters application for 74 dwellings (landscaping, access, scale, layout and appearance) details pursuant to outline permission DOV/10/1011 phase 1A

Phase 1A - Whitfield Urban Extension, Whitfield, Dover RMLB

DOV/13/00699

Installation of rooflights and formation of new opening

Little Ewell, Barrestone, Eythorne, Dover, CT15 7JJ LCN

DOV/13/00719

Retrospective application for the erection of a 2nd floor rear extension and balcony

14 London Road, Dover, CT17 0ST CON

DOV/13/00729

Alterations of storage building and covered area to form new two storey office and opening up of existing bricked up windows and installation of new windows

Old Harbour Station, Elizabeth Street, Dover CT17 9BZ LBC

DOV/13/00730

Alterations of storage building and covered area to form new two storey office and opening up of existing bricked up windows and installation of new windows

Old Harbour Station, Elizabeth Street, Dover CT17 9BZ LBC

DOV/13/00759

Installation of 3.1km underground high voltage direct current (HVDC) cable from Pegwell Bay to former Richborough Power Station, being part of a 130km HVDC electrical interconnector with an approximate capacity of 1000 megawatts (MW) extending from Zebrugge (Belgium) to the former Richborough Power Station site, together with outline application for the erection of converter station building (max height 30.8m), substation building (max height 15m) outdoor electrical equipment for substation (max height 12.7m) and for converter station (max height 11.8m), underground cables from substation and converter station and construction of internal roads, including access and landscaping, together with associated temporary construction compounds

Part of Former Power Station Site, Ramsgate Road, Sandwich, CT13 9NL MESD

DOV/13/00703

Display of blue plaque

4 Golden Street, Deal, CT14 6JU LCN

DOV/13/00732

Installation of window and air bricks to front elevation and associated external alterations

163 Middle Street, Deal, CT14 6LL LCN

DOV/13/00733

Installation of windows, rooflight and air bricks to front and rear, removal of internal wall, reinstatement of internal staircase, installation of a tanking system and associated internal and external alterations

163 Middle Street, Deal, CT14 6LL LCN

DOV/13/00749

Variation of condition 3 of planning application DOV/13/00469 to change "matching materials" to a tile hung finish (application under section 73)

2 Hope Cottages, Poulton Lane, Ash, Sandwich, CT3 2HN CAF

Reason for Advert Codes:-

ARW - Affects a Public Right of Way **CON** - Within Conservation Area

LCN - Listed Building in a Conservation Area **LBC** - Listed Building Consent

RMLB - proposal is a major development, affects the setting of a listed building and affects a public right of way

MESD - Proposal is a major development, a departure from the Development Plan & is accompanied by an Environmental Statement

Some applications are not publicised in this list. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent **within 21 days** marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

Failure to meet the above deadline may jeopardise the chances of representations being considered. any representations received may be made available for inspection by the public, and may be copied to others, including the secretary of state and the applicant if there is an appeal against the council's decision. Representations will not be acknowledged until an application has been determined.

Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

**THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications**

MA/13/1445/S - CLARKES FARM, FIVE OAK LANE, STAPLEHURST, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 0HX - An application for Listed Building Consent for the removal of steps to reveal original attic stairs and fit wooden access bridge. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1458/N - BROUGHTON HOUSE, 31, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PF - Change of use of first and second floors from A2 offices to C3 residential (4No. 1 bed flats) and external alterations including provision of refuse store, alterations to side entrance and insertion of 2No. windows to west elevation. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/13/1459/N - BROUGHTON HOUSE, 31, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PF - An application for listed building consent for works to facilitate the change of use of first and second floor from offices to C3 residential (4No. 1 bed flats) including internal alterations and external alterations including provision of refuse store, alterations to side entrance and insertion of 2 No. windows to west elevation. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1480/N - TYLAND CORNER, TYLAND LANE, SANDLING, KENT, ME14 3BL - An outline application for the demolition of existing industrial units; the conversion of the barn to a single dwelling; and the construction of 8 no. new houses with garaging. Landscaping is reserved for future consideration. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1488/N - JUBILEE HALL BARN, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1HA - An Application for Listed Building Consent for the installation of 16 panel photovoltaic display to garage roof and single panel solar thermal system to annexe roof. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1513/S - LAND AT, GEORGE STREET, STAPLEHURST, KENT - Outline application for 22(no) residential units comprising of 16(no) houses and 6(no) self contained flats and associated works with all other matters reserved for future consideration. **Reason: 6**

MA/13/1515/S - THE HARROW INN, THE STREET, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DP - Planning application for the change of use from A4 public house to A4 public house with extension for staff accommodation and attached C3 dwelling. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1516/S - THE HARROW INN, THE STREET, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1DP - An application for Listed Building Consent for alterations to a Grade 2 Listed Public House to facilitate a change of use to A4 public house with extension for staff accommodation and attached C3 dwelling. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/1523/N - LAND WEST OF BICKNOR FARM COTTAGES, SUTTON PARK, MAIDSTONE, KENT - The erection of 100 dwellings together with associated new access road, car parking, landscaping, and open space. **Reason: 1, 6, 9**

MA/13/1539/S - LAND AT LONDIS STORE & BIRD IN HAND P.H., HEATH ROAD, COXHEATH, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4EH - Amendments to design of the rear block permitted under ref:MA/10/0992 as built - being alterations to the elevations, design and siting of the windows and minor layout changes. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1548/S - JUBILEE HALL BARN, STICKFAST LANE, ULCOMBE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1HA - Installation of 16 panel photovoltaic display to garage roof and single panel solar thermal system to annexe roof. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1550/S - POPLAR BARN, BRISHING LANE, BOUGHTON MONCHELSEA, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 4NF - Change of use from Use Class B1 (office) to Use Class D1 (non-residential institution) (day nursery). **Reason: 1**

MA/13/1551/N - THE OLD VICARAGE, UPPER STREET, HOLLINGBOURNE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 1UJ - An application for listed building consent for alterations to fenestration to side elevation, internal alterations and entrance alterations (resubmission of MA/13/1001). **Reason: 2, 3**

MA/13/1570/N - 8, FAVERSHAM ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PN - Demolition of existing fire damaged building (class A1 retail use and B1 office use) and the erection of a mixed use development comprising class A1 retail use at ground floor level and 4no. two bedroom apartments at first floor level. **Reason: 1, 2**

MA/13/1571/N - 8, FAVERSHAM ROAD, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2PN - Conservation area consent for the demolition of existing fire damaged building. **Reason: 1, 2, 4**

Reasons for advertisement key:

- 1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
- 2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
- 3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
- 4 - Application is for Conservation Area Consent.
- 6 - Application is Major Development.
- 9 - Application does not accord with the Local Plan.



Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **6th October 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 22nd September 2013.



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The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA/13/01630/FUL: The Barton, Patricbourne Road, Bekebourne, CT4 5BP Demolition of existing garage and construction of new two-storey dwelling. **Applicant: Ms J De Blik** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01659/FUL: 66 Broad Street, Canterbury, CT1 2LS The formation of a rear vehicular access through side fence in between existing adjoining garages. Permission being sought to traverse private access road. **Applicant: Mr G Manning** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01674/FUL: 29-30 Oaten Hill, Canterbury, CT1 3HZ Demolition of existing building and erection of a car-free residential development of 11, one-bedroom student apartments and ground-floor retail unit. **Applicant: County Developments Limited** Reason: Major and conservation area.
CA/13/01675/CAC: 29-30 Oaten Hill, Canterbury, CT1 3HZ Demolition of existing building and erection of a car-free residential development of 11, one-bedroom student apartments and ground-floor retail unit. **Applicant: County Developments Limited** Reason: Demolition of unlisted building in conservation area.
CA/13/01680/TAM: Land adjoining The Potato Barn, Wingham Road, Ickham, CT3 1UP The installation of three additional antennas on the existing 18m lattice tower, radio equipment will be replaced in the existing cabin and development ancillary thereto. **Applicant: Telefonica UK Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01713/FUL: Cable duct, Pin Hill, Canterbury Installation of a new duct from Clarkson House to the duct access pit connection point at the junction of Wincheap as per the drawing. To be utilised for the installation of a dark fibre. **Applicant: University of Kent** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01717/FUL: 62 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ Proposed change of use from office to single dwelling. **Applicant: Clague Architects** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01719/FUL: 225 Cromwell Road, Whitstable, CT5 1LA Replacement front door. **Applicant: Mr P Lawson** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01723/FUL: 17/18 The Borough, Canterbury, CT1 2PY Use of premises for A5 (takeaway) in addition to existing A3 (cafe) use, installation of lights on front elevation, installation of flue and infilling of recess on rear elevation. **Applicant: Mr S Davis** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.
CA/13/01724/TPO: 22 Magdalen Court, Ersham Road, Canterbury, CT1 3DH Reduce four trees subject to TPO No1 of 1984 by 20 per cent. **Applicant: Ms A Williams** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01729/FUL: Dempseys Removals, Diamond Road, Whitstable, CT5 1LN Demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of block of 22 flats with associated car parking and amenity space. **Applicant: McCullochs** Reason: Major development.
CA/13/01730/LB: 17/18 The Borough, Canterbury, CT1 2PY Installation of lights on front elevation, installation of flue and infilling of recess on rear elevation. **Applicant: Mr S Davis** Reason: Affects the setting of a listed building.
CA/13/01731/FUL: 61 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1EL Side extension to rear ground and first floor. **Applicant: Mr Smedley** Reason: Conservation area.
CA/13/01739/LB: 62 Burgate, Canterbury, CT1 2HJ Proposed change of use from office to single dwelling. **Applicant: Clague Architects** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

Any representations should be submitted via public access on the planning pages of the website www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc to arrive on or before **Monday 14 October 2013**.

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
 Friday 20 September 2013

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/02571/LBC Judds Farm Hayesden Lane, Bidborough
 - Listed Building Consent: New bathroom at second floor level, internal alterations to partition layout to first floor, minor alteration to ground floor, enlarged window to existing dormer on west elevation and secondary glazing (LB)
13/02592/HOUSE Judds Farm Hayesden Lane, Bidborough
 - Replacement outbuilding (LB)
13/02572/HOUSE 1 Bluebell Cottage Broadwater Lane, Broadwater
 - Creation of 1 No. means of escape window in the rear elevation (CA)
13/02597/FULMJ Neville House 77 Mount Ephraim, Culverden
 - Erection of 74 bed care home (C2 use) with associated parking and landscaping, following demolition of Neville House (B1 offices) (MAJOR) (CA)
13/02581/LBC Bank House High Street, Goudhurst
 - Listed Building Consent: Replacement rear fence, enlargement of rear access to parking area, replacement of timber sheds with one new timber shed (LB)
13/02588/LBC Three Chimneys Farmhouse Bedgebury Road, Goudhurst
 - Listed Building Consent: Secondary glazing to windows and doors on all elevations (LB)
13/02541/FUL 9 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
 - Erection of a new dwelling and replacement garage (CA)
13/02562/CAC 9 Broadwater Down Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
 - Conservation Area Consent: Demolition of garage (CA)
13/02575/HOUSE 53 Madeira Park Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
 - Proposed off street parking for one car, including the installation of a dropped kerb. Relocation of parking sign (CA)
13/02604/HOUSE Dunorlan House Dunorlan Park, Park
 - Extension to garage. Removal of glazed link and replacement with extension to provide laundry/utility room and living area to kitchen (LB) (CA)
13/02566/HOUSE 6 Sheffield Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council
 - Loft conversion, single storey rear and side extensions (CA)
 (DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of way (CA)
 Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.
 You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.
 You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.
 James Freeman
 Head of Planning Services,
 Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
 Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS
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NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF PUBLIC PATH ORDER

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980
WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AW149 (PART) AT PLUCKLEY)
PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION AND DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

On 9th September 2013 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order under Section 119 of the Highways Act 1980.

The effect of that Order as confirmed is to divert the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered AW149 which commences at NGR TQ 9218 4471 (point A on the Order plan) and runs south-west for 109 metres to its connection with Lambden Road at NGR TQ 9214 4461 (point B on the Order plan). (Between the points A-B on the Order plan). It will provide a new length of public footpath numbered AW149 with a width of 2.0 metres, which commences at the aforementioned point A and runs south-east for 13 metres and then turns to run south-south-west for 100 metres to its connection with Lambden Road at NGR TQ 9215 4461 (point D on the Order plan), 6 metres south-east of the aforementioned point B. (Between the points A-C-D on the Order plan).

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and the Order Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, Public Rights of Way & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there at the price of £5.

The Order comes into force on 9th September 2013, but if a person aggrieved by the Order wants to question its validity, or that of any provision contained in it, on the ground that it is not within the powers of the Highways Act 1980, as amended, or on the ground that any requirement of the Act, as amended, or of any regulation made under the Act which has not been complied with in relation to the Order, he or she may under Paragraph 2 of Schedule 2 to the Act as applied by Paragraph 5 of Schedule 6 to the Act, within 6 weeks from the 22nd September 2013, make an application to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE129

IN THE PARISH OF STOURMOUTH

PUBLIC FOOTPATH EE129
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath EE129, between its junction with Public Footpath EE42 and point NGR 256, 632 from the 7th October 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before January 2014.

The path is to be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users. The alternative route is adjacent to the path and will be signed for the duration for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Denise Roffey

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER38

IN THE PARISHES OF GUSTON AND ST.MARGARETS AT CLIFFE

PUBLIC FOOTPATH ER38
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath ER38, between the National Trust Visitor Centre car park at NGR 338, 422 and its junction with Public Footpath ER269 from the 7th

October 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months.

The path is to be closed because works are planned on it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There are several alternative routes and these will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Denise Roffey

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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IN THE DISTRICT OF DOVER
NOTICE OF CONFIRMATION OF MODIFICATION ORDER WILDLIFE AND COUNTRYSIDE ACT 1981
DEFINITIVE MAP AND STATEMENT FOR THE COUNTY OF KENT

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL (PUBLIC FOOTPATH EBX21 AT DOVER)
DEFINITIVE MAP MODIFICATION ORDER 2013

On 9th September 2013 the Kent County Council confirmed the above Order without modifications.

The effect of the Order as confirmed is to modify the Definitive Map and Statement for the area by adding a public footpath with a width of 3.5 metres which commences on Connaught Road at NGR TR 3199 4221 (point A on the Order plan) and runs south-east for 56 metres to its connection with public footpath EBX9, known as the Godwyne Path, at NGR TR 3203 4218 (point B on the Order plan). (Between the points A-B on the Order plan).

All distances are approximate, all directions are general.

A copy of the Order as confirmed and Map may be seen free of charge during office hours at the offices of Dover District Council, The Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, Kent, CT16 3PG or at the Kent County Council, Public Rights of Way & Access Service, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and map may also be purchased there at the price of £5.

This Order became operative as from 9th September 2013 but if a person aggrieved by the Order desires to question the validity thereof or of any provision contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of Section 53(3)(c)(i) of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, or that any of the requirements of Schedule 15 to the Act have not been complied with in relation to the confirmation of the Order, he may, under Paragraph 12 of Schedule 15 to the Act, within 42 days from 22nd September 2013 make application for the purpose to the High Court.

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF THANET

NOTICE OF THE INTENTION TO MAKE AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE462

IN THE PARISH OF MINSTER

PUBLIC FOOTPATH TE462
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council intends to temporarily close Public Footpath TE462, between its junction with Cheney Road and its junction with Public Footpath TE33 from the 7th October 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before December 2013.

The path is to be closed because resurfacing works are planned and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

The alternative route is via Public Footpath TE34 and TE33 and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Melvyn Twycross

Contact Centre no. 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

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Dated: 22nd September 2013

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HIGHWAYS – CANTERBURY AREA**ROSEMARY LANE & STOUR STREET, CANTERBURY
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Rosemary Lane and Stour Street, Canterbury.

Rosemary Lane and Stour Street will be closed in phases from the junction with Castle Street towards the junction with Beer Cart Lane.

Closures are planned to commence from 7 October 2013 and continue until no later than the end of November 2013.

Works start in Rosemary Lane, which will initially be closed from Castle Street to the entrance to the car park, then subsequently from the car park to Stour Street. It is estimated that Rosemary Lane works will take up to 5 weeks.

Stour Street will then be closed in phases between the junctions of each of the side roads, i.e. from Rosemary Lane to Hospital Lane, then Hospital Lane to Adelaide Place, then Adelaide Place to Beer Cart Lane if time allows.

The alternative route for all through traffic is via Castle Street, A28 Pin Hill, Rhodasa Town, Watling Street, Beer Cart Lane and Stour Street

Due to the nature of the works, it will not be possible to re-open the road outside working hours

HIGHWAYS – DARTFORD AREA**WHITEHILL ROAD, LONGFIELD,
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because BT need to lay a duct in the carriageway, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Whitehill Road, Longfield,, on or after 23rd September 2013 for up to 2 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between B260 and Hookgreen Road.

There will be no access for through traffic at these between these locations.

The alternative route is via B260 Green Street Green Road, B262 Sandbanks Hill Highcross Road B255.

HIGHWAYS – DOVER AREA**CHERRY LANE, GREAT MONGEHAM
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of gas mains replacement works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Cherry Lane, Great Mongeham, Deal.

Cherry Lane will be closed in phases starting from the junction with Mongeham Road working westwards to the junction with Northbourne Road.

The closure is to be planned to commence from 7 October 2013 for up to 11 weeks, with an estimated completion date of 20 December 2013.

Access will remain from either direction up to where the road is closed.

The alternative route for through traffic is via Mongeham Road and Northbourne Road.

**A260 THE STREET, DENTON (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of A260 The Street, Denton.

The Street will be closed between the junctions with Denton Lane and Agerster Lane.

There will be no direct access for through traffic between Folkestone / Hawkinge and the A2, using the A260.

Closures are planned to commence from 23 September 2013 for up to 3 nights, between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

The alternative route is via via A260 Canterbury Road, Oak Hill, Swanton Lane, Lydden Hill, A2 Dover Road, (plus A260 Old Dover Road in reverse), and A260 Canterbury Road.

**WINGLETON LANE, RIPPLE, DEAL
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of railway bridge maintenance and repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Wingleton Lane, Ripple, Deal.

Wingleton Lane will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The closure is planned for Sunday 13 October 2013 from 01:00 hours until 23:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Crooked S Road, Ripple Road and Ringwould Road.

**WOODNESBOROUGH ROAD LEVEL CROSSING,
SANDWICH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER OCTOBER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on Woodnesborough Road Level Crossing, Sandwich.

Woodnesborough Road will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing.

Closures are planned as follows

Friday 11 October from 22:30 hours overnight until 07:00 hours.

Wednesday 16 October from 22:30 hours overnight until 06:00 hours

The alternative routes are

Eastbound via Woodnesborough Road, St Bart's Road, New Street, Cattle Market and Moat Sole

Westbound via Moat Sole, Cattle Market, Harnett Street, Strand Street, High Street, The Chain, Galliard Street, New Street, St Bart's Road and Woodnesborough Road.

HIGHWAYS – MAIDSTONE AREA**BROOMFIELD ROAD, BROOMFIELD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Broomfield Road, Broomfield, on or after 25 September 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The whole length of the road will be closed.

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, Chegworth Road, Lenham Road, Gravelly Bottom Road.

**BUCKLAND LANE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of an examination of the railway bridge, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Buckland Lane, Maidstone, on or after 25 September 2013 for up to 1 night between 22.00hrs and 06.00hrs or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the railway bridge.

**B2015 MAIDSTONE ROAD, NETTLESTEAD
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of high friction surfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on B2015 Maidstone Road, Nettlestead, on or after 13 October 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed 50m either side of B2162 Hampstead Lane.

The alternative route for over 7.5T vehicles is via A228 Seven Mile Lane, A26 Maidstone Road/Tonbridge Road, B2015 Bow Hill and for normal traffic via Station Road, B2162 Hampstead Lane, Lees Road, Gravelly Ways, Beltring Road, A228 Branbridges Road/Boyle Way.

**NOTICE
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND
DERESTRICTED ROADS)
AMENDMENT NO. 3 ORDER 2013**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council proposes to make an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which would be to :-

Extend the current 30mph speed limit on the A274 Maidstone Road, Sutton Valence to a point 12 metres north of the northern junction of the northern most service road adjacent to house named The Shelter.

A copy of the proposed Order, an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the offices of the Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent, TN24 8AD.

Any persons wishing to support the proposal, or to object to it should write to Michael Heath, Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, TN24 8AD or email tro@kent.gov.uk quoting the name of the Order and stating their reasons, by no later than 14/10/2013.

**(VARIOUS ROADS, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)
(WAITING RESTRICTIONS AND STREET PARKING PLACES)
ORDER 2013****ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984**

The Kent County Council, in exercise of their powers and under Sections 1(1), 2(1) to (3), 3(2), 4(1) and (2), 32(1), 35(1), 44, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:-

1. The effect of the Order will introduce waiting restrictions and street parking places (double yellow lines) on the following roads or length of roads:

Arundel Square: From its junction with Eccleston Road for a distance of 6 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Courtenay Road: Northern side, from its junction with Tovil Road for distance of 82 metres in a southerly direction.

Courtenay Road: Southern side, from its junction with Tovil Road for distance of 119 metres in a southerly direction.

Cuckooowood Avenue: Northern side, from its junction with Sandling Lane in a north-easterly direction to its junction with Sandbourne Drive.

Cuckooowood Avenue: Southern side, from its junction with Sandling Lane in a north-easterly direction for a distance of 12.5 metres.

Eccleston Road: Eastern side, from its junction with Tovil Road to a point 163 metres northwest of that junction.

Eccleston Road: Eastern side, from a point 56 metres northwest of its junction with Stafford Gardens to the end of the road.

Eccleston Road: Western side, from its junction with Tovil Road to a point 39 metres northwest of that junction.

Eccleston Road: Western side, from a point 14 metres southeast of its junction with Arundel Square to a point 79 metres in a north-westerly direction from that junction.

Sandling Lane: Northern side, from a point 10 metres northwest of its junction with Cuckooowood Avenue to a point 10 metres southeast of its junction with Cuckooowood Avenue.

2. The effect of the Order will also introduce waiting restrictions and street parking places (single yellow lines) Monday to Friday 8:30am to 9:30am and 2:00pm to 3:00pm on the following roads or length of roads:

Cornhill Place: Both sides, from its junction with Eccleston Road for a distance of 6 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Eccleston Road: Eastern side, from a point 8 metres southeast of its junction with Stafford Gardens to a point 56 metres northwest of that junction.

Eccleston Road: Western side, from a point 8 metres southeast of its junction with Stafford Gardens to the end of the road.

Stafford Gardens: Both sides, from its junction with Eccleston Road for a distance of 6 metres in a north-easterly direction.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone, during normal opening times.

Anyone wishing to support the new proposal or object to the proposed Order should send the grounds in writing to: The Traffic Schemes and Member Highway Fund Manager, Kent County Council Highways, Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk by noon on Monday 14th October 2013.

HIGHWAYS – SEVENOAKS AREA**KINGSWOOD ROAD, DUNTON GREEN, SEVENOAKS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a new sewer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Kingswood Road, Dunton Green, Sevenoaks, on or after 7th October 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside no 7 Kingswood Road and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Station Road, London Road, Milton Road.

The closure is to enable a new sewer connection and these works are to be carried out by Initial Systems Limited.

**BLAKES GREEN ROAD, SEAL, SEVENOAKS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of drainage improvement works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Blakes Green Road, Seal, Sevenoaks, on or after 23rd September 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at Bitchet Farm for a length of 50m and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Bitchett Green Road, Pond Lane, Stone Street.

**MAIN ROAD, EDENBRIDGE, SEVENOAKS
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of detailed railway bridge examination works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Main Road, Edenbridge, Sevenoaks, on or after 7th October 2013 from 22:00pm to 06:00am 8th October or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the bridge and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Station Road, B2027 Four Elms Road, B269 Pootings Road, Sprout Lane, B2026 Main Road.

The alternative route is not suitable for heavy goods vehicle over 11ft 3inches (3.5m).

**STATION ROAD AND HOGTROUGH HILL, BRASTED,
SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of allowing BT safe access to the carriageway to undertake cabling works for a new customer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road and Hogtrough Hill, Brasted, Sevenoaks, on or after 9th October 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed Sation Road from the junction with Coles Lane to Hogtrough Hill junction with Pilgrims Way, Brasted, Sevenoaks. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Pilgrims Way, Brasted Hill Road, Coles Lane and vice versa.

**YORKS HILL, IDE HILL (GOATHURST COMMON)
SEVENOAKS (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013****THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
REGULATION (SPECIAL EVENTS) ACT 1994 SECTION 16A**

Because of a sporting event (cycling time trial) Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Yorks Hill, Ide Hill, Sevenoaks, on 13th October 2013 for 1 day from the hours of 08:00hrs to 12:00hrs.

The road will be closed at the junction with Gracious Lane, Chevening for a distance of some 707 yards and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via: Gracious Lane, Wheatsheaf Hill, B2042, Ide Hill Road and Scallops.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS)
(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND
DERESTRICTED ROADS)
AMENDMENT NO. 6 ORDER 2013**

NOTICE is hereby given that the Kent County Council has made an Order under Sections 81, 82, 83 and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which is to :-

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Include the following section of road within the consolidated Speed Limit Order for Sevenoaks (Schedule no. 5 – 50 mph). This order will not alter any speed limit currently signed on the Public Highway.

LONDON ROAD (West Kingsdown) – from its junction with Ash Lane north-westwards to a point 84 metres south east of Forge Lane.

A copy of the proposed Order, which comes into operation on 22/09/2013, together with an explanatory statement and a map showing the lengths of roads concerned may be inspected during normal office hours at County Hall, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD

Anyone may, by application to the High Court within 6 weeks of the date of publication of this Notice, challenge the validity of the Orders or of any provision contained in them on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, or any instrument made thereunder, or that there has been a failure to comply with any statutory requirement in relation to the Orders.

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF SEVENOAKS)
(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND
DERESTRICTED ROADS)
AMENDMENT NO. 7 ORDER 2013**

The Kent County Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 82 (2); 83 (2); and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, propose to make an Order to:-

Implement a 50 mile per hour speed limit on the following sections of road in Halstead and Shoreham parishes.

SHOREHAM LANE (Halstead) – from its junction with A224 Badgers Mount roundabout (Shacklands Road/Shoreham Lane) in a westerly direction for a distance of 16 metres.

SHACKLANDS ROAD (Shoreham) – from its junction with A224 Badgers Mount roundabout (Shacklands Road/Shoreham Lane) in an easterly direction for a distance of 35 metres.

ORPINGTON BYPASS ROAD (Shoreham) – from its junction with A224 Badgers Mount roundabout (Shacklands Road/Shoreham Lane) in a north-westerly direction to a point 230 metres north west of its junction with Badgers Road.

LONDON ROAD (Shoreham) – from its junction with A224 Badgers Mount roundabout (Shacklands Road/Shoreham Lane) in a south-easterly direction to a point 330 metres north west of its junction with Offord Lane.

OLD LONDON ROAD (Shoreham) – from its junction with A224 Badgers Mount roundabout (Shacklands Road/Shoreham Lane) in a north westerly direction to its junction with London Road.

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If you wish to offer support for or object to the proposed Order you should send the grounds in writing to Steven Noad, Kent County Council Highways & Transportation, 4 Javelin Way, Ashford, TN24 8AD or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk, quoting the title of the Order by noon on 14th October 2013.

HIGHWAYS – SHEPWAY AREA

**GUILDHALL STREET NORTH, FOLKESTONE
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow a detailed inspection of the railway bridge to be carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Guildhall Street North, Folkestone.

Guildhall Street will be closed in the vicinity of the railway bridge.

The closure is planned to commence from Thursday 10 October 2013 at 22:00 hours overnight through until 06:00 hours.

The alternative route is via Broadmead Road, Bournemouth Road, A259 Radnor Park Road, Cheriton Road, Brockman Road, Cooledge Road and Guildhall Street.

**A259 SANDGATE ESPLANADE & SANDGATE HIGH
STREET, SANDGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of A259 Sandgate Esplanade and Sandgate High Street, Sandgate.

Sandgate Esplanade and Sandgate High Street will be closed between the junctions with Prospect Road and Military Road.

There will be no direct access along the A259 between Hospital Hill and Military Road.

Closures are planned to commence from 25 September 2013 for up to 2 weeks, weekdays only, from 19:00 hours through until 02:00 hours each night.

The alternative route is via A259 Sandgate Esplanade, B2063 Hospital Hill, West Road, North Road and Military Road.

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of the following roads will be suspended during these works, to allow residents' access, when safe:

Wilberforce Road (from the junction with The Crescent westwards to the junction with Hillside and southwards to the junction with A259), The Crescent, Granville Road, Granville Parade, and Parade Road.

Waiting will be prohibited at any time on any sections of Sandgate Esplanade / Sandgate High Street between Prospect Road and Military Road that are indicated by No Waiting cones and appropriate signage on site.

No Waiting restrictions apply between 18:30 hours through until 04:00 hours each night.

This Notice has the effect of suspending any existing parking entitlements and restrictions that apply to this section of road.

**VARIOUS ROADS, RURAL SHEPWAY (PROHIBITION OF
DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER OCTOBER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of carriageway repair works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on various roads in rural parts of the Shepway area, planned to commence from 9 October 2013

The roads affected, dates of closure and alternative routes are as shown below.

Closures are between 09:00 hours and 16:30 hours each day, with roads otherwise re-opened.

CHURCH ROAD, LYMINGE closed between the junctions with High Street and Well Road

7 October 2013 for 3 days

The alternative route is via High Street and Well Road

REECE LANE, SWINGFIELD closed between the junctions with Ladwood and Hoad Road

9 October 2013 for 3 days

The alternative route is via Ladwood and Hoad Road

MAGPIE LANE, ELHAM (Rhodes Minnis) closed between the junctions with White Horse Lane and Mount Hill

11 October 2013 for 2 days

The alternative route is via White Horse Lane, Chapel Lane and Mount Hill

MACKIE LANE, NEWINGTON closed for its entire length

16 October 2013 for up to 3 days

The alternative route is via Tan Barn Road and Teddars Leas Road

SCHOOL HILL, ELMSTED closed for its entire length (including un-named section), i.e. between the junctions with the un-named continuation of Dean Bottom and Podlinge & Ittinge Lane

28 October 2013 for 3 days

The alternative route is via Dean Bottom, The Street, Waltham Road, Hassell Street and Podlinge & Ittinge Lane.

HIGHWAYS – SWALE AREA

**CLOCK HOUSE LEVEL CROSSING, BOUGHTON
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER SEPTEMBER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of level crossing maintenance, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Clock House Level Crossing, Boughton, Faversham, as follows.

Clockhouse Lane, Boughton will be closed in the vicinity of the level crossing, with no access for through traffic.

The closure is planned to commence from Saturday 28 September at 20:00 hours through until Monday 30 September at 05:30 hours.

The alternative route is via Clockhouse Lane, Selling Road and Brenley Lane.

**B2005 EUROLINK WAY, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION
OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER SEPTEMBER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

For the safety of the public and workforce whilst junction safety modification works are being carried out, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of B2005 Eurolink Way, Sittingbourne.

Eurolink Way will be closed at the junction with Castle Road.

Closures are planned as follows

Sunday 13 October from 07:00 hours until 21:00 hours

Additional overnight closures are likely to be needed on some or all of the following dates, subject to progress

Monday 14 October for up to 6 nights, from 21:00 hours through until 05:00 hours

The alternative route is via Eurolink Way, Crown Quay Lane, A2 St Michael's Road, (eastbound also via Dover Street and West Street), London Road, Key Street, Sheppey Way, A249 Iwade Bypass, B2005 Swale Way and Castle Road.

**WALLBRIDGE LANE, UPCHURCH
(PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

To allow access to phone cables in carriageway to carry out repairs, Kent County Council intends to make an Order to temporarily prohibit through traffic on part of Wallbridge Lane, Upchurch.

Wallbridge Lane will be closed between the junctions with Otterham Quay Lane and Oak Lane.

Closures are planned to commence from 7 October 2013 for up to 5 days, between 09:30 hours and 15:30 hours each day.

The alternative route is via Otterham Quay Lane, Canterbury Lane, Oak Lane.

HIGHWAYS – TONBRIDGE & MALLING AREA

**RIDGEWAY CRESCENT (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of a sewer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Ridgeway Crescent, on or after 7 October 2013 for up to 8 working days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from outside number 68 to The Ridgeway.

The alternative route is via The Ridgeway, Ridgeway Crescent.

**STATION ROAD, AYLESFORD (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING)
TEMPORARY ORDER 2013**

**THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984
AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC
(TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991**

Because of essential repairs at the level crossing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Road, Aylesford, on or after:

00.30hrs – 05.30hrs Wednesday 25 September 00.30hrs – 05.30hrs Thursday 26 September 2013

23.40hrs Monday 28 October – 04.50 Tuesday 29 October 2013

23.40hrs Tuesday 29 October – 04.50 Wednesday 30 October 2013

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23.40hrs Wednesday 30 October – 04.50hrs Thursday 31 Oct 2013

23.40hrs Thursday 31 October – 04.50hrs Friday 01 November 2013

00.05hrs – 04.00hrs Saturday 02 November 2013

23.40hrs Monday 04 November – 04.50hrs Tuesday 05 November 2013

23.40hrs Tuesday 05 November–04.50hrs Wednesday 06 November 2013

23.40hrs Wednesday 06 November – 04.50hrs Thursday 07 November 2013

23.40hrs Thursday 07 November – 04.50hrs Friday 08 November 2013

23.40hrs Monday 11 November – 04.50 Tuesday 12 November 2013

23.40hrs Tuesday 12 November – 04.50hrs Wednesday 13 November 2013

23.40hrs Wednesday 13 November – 04.50hrs Thursday 14 November 2013

23.40hrs Thursday 14 November – 04.50hrs Friday 15 November 2013

23.40hrs Tuesday 10 December – 04.50hrs Wednesday 11 December 2013

23.40hrs Wednesday 11 December – 04.50hrs Thursday 12 December 2013

The road will be closed at the level crossing.

The alternative route is via Hall Road, A20 London Road, Rocky Hill, Broadway, St Peter's Bridge, Fairmeadow, A229 Royal Engineers Road, Running Horse Roundabout, Forstal Road, Bailey Bridge Road.

HIGHWAYS – TUNBRIDGE WELLS AREA

**THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(VARIOUS ROADS, THE DISTRICT OF TUNBRIDGE WELLS)
(20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND
DERESTRICTED ROADS)
AMENDMENT NO. 4 ORDER 2013**

The Kent County Council in exercise of its powers under Sections 82 (2); 83 (2); and 84 (1) and (2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, propose to make an Order to:-

Implement a 40 miles per hour speed limit on the following sections of road in the parish of Brenchley;

PIXOT HILL – In a north-easterly direction from its junction with Windmill Hill/Crook Road for a distance of 285 metres.

CROOK ROAD – In an easterly direction from its junction with Windmill Hill/Pixot Hill for a distance of 255 metres.

HOLLY BANK – From a point 40 metres north-west of High Street to its junction with Crook Road (Brenchley Road).

CROOK ROAD (Brenchley Road) – from a point 59 metres north-east of High Street to its junction with Windmill Hill/Pixot Hill.

Full details are contained in the Order which, together with the relevant plan, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined during normal office hours Mondays to Fridays at Kent County Council, Sessions House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XQ or at the Ashford Highways Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent. TN24 8AD

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John Burr
Director of Highways & Transportation
Kent County Council
Invicta House
County Hall,
Maidstone
Kent ME14 1XQ

Dated 22nd September 2013



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A high-speed journey to

Ice queen Lizzy Yarnold has high hopes of claiming a place (and hopefully a medal) in the Sochi Winter Olympics next year. **Greg Miles** follows her career from teenage heptathlete to award-winning bob-skeleton adrenaline junkie.

IT HAS been a long and changing road towards becoming an Olympian for daredevil ice queen Lizzy Yarnold.

But just less than six months stand between her and a dream date at the Winter Olympics in Sochi, Russia, where the West Kingsdown resident hopes to represent Great Britain in the bob skeleton.

A talent-identification programme saw her drop the dream of modern pentathlon for the adrenaline-junkie sport as a 19-year-old.

It proved a wise move as she has excelled, picking up gold in the Junior World Championships in 2012 and bronze at the senior World Championships in 2012 and fourth place at the same competition in January.

It is a tale that owes more to sheer determination than simple gravity, as a layman might expect, when taking the skeleton at face value.

Without being able to have full control over every muscle in her body when under mind-boggling forces, the 25-year-old simply would not be at the top of her sport.

So there is a heck of a lot of hard graft that goes into making the one-minute runs at speeds of up to 90mph as perfect as possible.

"I train six days a week in the summer, at least four to five hours a day," she said. "We spend at least an hour a day heavy-lifting, building as much strength and power as you can."

"You can do it by running and jumping on and hoping for the best, but to be the best you have to do more."

"In basic terms, when you put your hand out of a car window at 70mph you can feel the resistance when you move it – that's the same feeling I get when I move my helmet."

"When I move my head to the left or right, the sled will already be moving. I have to be in control. You've got to be able to train and keep all these individual muscles strong. I've also got to push the 30kg sled at the start."

Being interviewed overlooking Tonbridge School athletics track, where she used to train as an aspiring heptathlete, the passion is there to see, but it is, as she puts it, 'nice Lizzy'. Entering the competitive environment brings about a Jekyll-and-Hyde-like transformation: "Everyone knows how hard we train – when we get in the gym, others leave."

"If something's worthwhile, it takes a lot of hard work. My nan always said to me when I was training for the 800 metres 'Why do you make yourself sick? Why don't you stop?'. I said 'If you're in your comfort zone physically and mentally you're never going



to improve, you have to push yourself."

"They say I am nice Lizzy out of the gym and 'The Yarnold' in the gym. I'm extremely determined and aggressive. I knit in my free time and am totally riled up when competing."

That controlled aggression is something she found out about at a young

age. I was extremely competitive doing gymkhana. They would pull the flag down, she would buck and I would look like a rodeo lady, but I would whip round and win. I would switch into the zone.

"I'm very competitive about sports, but you have to be competitive with yourself."

Finding the balance between focus and relaxation was another added bonus of a hectic childhood that saw her juggle commitments.

"In school I trained every single night. I went straight to the train and came to the track and trained," she said. "I had my rushed dinner and did my school work. Because I had to achieve in sport and school, I couldn't let my school studies fall down. I had to be capable in acting that way, switching on and off."

"You need to have that release. Otherwise you run yourself into the ground. When I come away I do other things. That's how you have to be."

Even from a young age, the word 'Olympics' would ignite a burning desire for the former Maidstone Grammar pupil. It remains a realistic option despite her change of sport, and with Sochi just six months away it is a topic that is hard to ignore.

Firstly she will have to qualify for the Great Britain team in October for the World Cup races, of which there are nine in North America and Europe.

GB's women, who include 2013 World Championship gold-medalist Shelley Rudman, will need to finish as high as possible in that series to have a chance of gaining the top quota of three spots for the Games – a feat they have never achieved before. The results will be known in January.

"Sochi has always been my dream,"

WHAT LIZZY DID

A typical day on track

"On a normal day we will get up early and have breakfast as a team. Then we will go to the track for one to two hours and walk the track, have a look at conditions, see whether it's misty or foggy, or sunny."

"I will get my sled prepared an hour before I run."

"There are two runs a day, which equates to just two minutes of practice. I will get myself mentally ready with all my notes, learning all the corners as there can be four or five different turns per corner."

"Then we do our run, which is videoed by our coaches from different points down the track."

"We get some lunch, but you're exhausted by then."

"Next we go to the gym, doing sprinting or lifting, after which we do our video feedback and have dinner."

"After that you do your work on your sled."

The mechanic

Lizzy Yarnold's sled is not just a tool to help her do her job, it is a valued possession that has even been given a name.

Mervyn, named after a former colleague, is likened to a race-car by the athlete because of all the work that goes into it, which is understandable when you learn it is made by car giant McClaren and costs between £6,000 and £15,000.

It is between 80cm and 120cm long, between 8cm and 20cm high and weighs in at a hefty 30kg.

"Every year it's updated and improved," she said. "There is loads of stuff that could change inside the sleds, but I would have to kill you if I told you that."

"It's a basic steel frame, with an aerodynamic belly pan. There are the blades in contact with the ice and the saddle that holds you in and that you hold on to."

"I had to become a mechanic, which was the hardest thing. I could paint and do a bit of plastering, but nothing like being a mechanic. When things go wrong I have to fix it, so I try not to bump into things."

"You can change its set-up for each track. Tracks are different lengths, or high or low pressures. 'It's like a race-car – you have to look at whether it's set up right.'"



SPEED DEMON: Lizzy

Yarnold has already won gold in the Junior World Championships and bronze at the senior level

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the Olympics



“ All I can do is my best – I’m here because I deserve to be here. This is something I can be quite good at, sliding head-first down an ice chute, so that’s what I have to do ”

Lizzy Yarnold,
Olympics bobs-kkeleton hopeful

she said. “It’s something I’ve never shied away from thinking about. It’s at the forefront of my mind. I’m excited to be in a position to be able to go. It’s been my dream for a long time.

“All I can do is my best – I’m here because I deserve to be here. This is something I can be quite good at, sliding head-first down an ice chute, so that’s what I have to do.”

The change to Olympic-ready athlete has been a fast one as it was only last summer that she became a fully-funded sportswoman. It meant she could quit her job working at insurance firm Hardy Underwriting in London and become a full-time athlete in Bath, where the team are based.

With the backroom team already set up following the three previous medal-yielding Olympics, it was a big change as she was introduced to a new regime, including some interesting requests from the dietician.

“They had such an incredible team in place, I just slotted in,” she said. “The exact same team that took Amy Williams to gold is who I work with now. They enable me to compete by doing their job so well, at a much higher level. My diet has a lot more protein than before – it’s about eating well. I don’t eat crisps and chocolate. I have to have ketchup, though!”

“I once had a tin of tuna for breakfast for a month or two. After I finished and had mayonnaise with tuna, it tasted weird. I can only eat it dry now. It was just to see how my body would react to different diets.”

Her former GB team-mate Williams, who won gold in Vancouver almost four years ago, retired last summer. She, like Jessica Ennis, put sportswomen in the spotlight, where Yarnold hopes they can remain.

“We could always do with more recognition,” she said. “I train at Bath, surrounded by female judo, tennis and swimming, and they are not second to any man in their field.

“I can compete almost on the same platform as the men. The push-start is the only part where they can beat me, but that’s just because they are naturally built to run faster at the start.

“If you have a love for sport, you have to pursue it – that’s how I’ve approached everything. We are all responsible and can all be a part of getting more girls into sport.”

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Scally urges fans to back the Gills after difficult opening

GILLS chairman Paul Scally has issued a rallying cry to fans to get behind the team in an open letter to supporters.

The Gills continued their winless start to the League One campaign with a 2-1 defeat at Coventry City on Sunday that leaves Martin Allen’s side in the relegation zone with three points from a possible 21.

Scally said in the letter: “Fortunately we

have plenty of time right now to change things round, the players are determined to change our draws into wins, and in fairness most of you will agree we have not had the best of luck so far in our exploits, certainly no one would question the view that we should have beaten Brentford, and draws against Colchester and Crawley may have better reflected performances.”



PLEA: Chairman Scally



HONOUR: Barham representing GB

Paffett pleased to survive milestone

BROMLEY driver Gary Paffett admitted he was happy just to survive the opening lap of his 100th race in the DTM.

The 32-year-old chalked up his century of drives in the Germany touring car series at the weekend in Oschersleben.

As it was, the Mercedes-Benz man finished in sixth place.

Barham ups fitness ahead of PGA Cup

BENN Barham has stepped up his fitness programme in a bid to help Great Britain and Ireland win back the PGA Cup from the United States this weekend.

The Kent PGA pro is part of Russell Weir’s GB&I team competing for the Llandudno Trophy, which the Americans have retained for the last three encounters in what is the PGA professionals’ equivalent of the Ryder Cup.

The event is taking place at De Vere Slaley Hall in Northumberland from Friday to Sunday.

“It’s an honour to represent your country in this event. I know a lot of seriously good players that have never played in the PGA Cup and you can almost see their disappointment that they’ve never managed to make the team,” he said.

Injuy-hit Miller is released by Mos

INVICTA Dynamos have released injury-hit Tyrone Miller.

The 31-year-old re-signed for the club in the summer for a second season but has since been released, with injuries taking their toll.

Coach Kevin Parrish said: “It’s an unfortunate situation but regrettably an issue that happens in hockey.”

Byrne confident as title fight starts

SHANE ‘Shakey’ Byrne wants maximum points in the opening event of the Showdown series of the British Superbike Championship in Assen this weekend.

The 36-year-old, who has seen his lead cut to just six points as the Showdown series starts, said: “You can be sure I certainly won’t be giving up now.”

Upturn in form continues for Jackson

MAT Jackson feels Airwaves Racing has turned a corner after picking up three top-four finishes in round eight of the British Touring Car Championship at Rockingham.

Jackson finished second and had two fourth-place finishes, while it was a positive opening for his new team-mate addition Tom Onslow-Cole, who finished sixth and 12th.

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